THE WEATHER

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SENSATION CREATED IN ENGLAND UPON RECEIPT OF AMERICAN NOTE DEMANDING BETTER CONDITIONS

Even Favorable News From the Russian Front is Overshadowed by Diplomatic Communication in the Mind of the British Public—Nothing of the Kind Since Cleveland's Venezuelan Message.

REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN FRIENDLY SPIRIT, BUT BRITISH PUBLIC FEAR UNFRIENDLY FEELING

Fighting in Northern Poland Has Slackened and London Believes Frontal Attack by Germans Upon Russian Line Has Been Checked—Apparent Victory Over Austrian Forces in Galicia — Fighting in West.

London, December 29. —The American note protesting against the British treatment of American commerce and insisting upon an early improvement, seemed to overshadow in the mind of the British public today the news from the European battlefields. While the note caused no surprise in official circles, it was wholly unexpected by the British public, as there had been virtually no intimation that any friction had arisen between the two governments.

Placards posted by the evening papers were given over exclusively to the American note, and the papers gave it the largest headlines they have given any news during the past month. Consequently, the British people regard this as one of the most important occurrences of the whole war.

Nothing of the kind since President Cleveland's Venezuelan message has produced such a sensation.

The first impression of the public is that the note may create friction and perhaps some unfriendly feeling, although the newspapers point out that it specifically states that the representations were made in a friendly spirit. The situation is comparable to that which arose at the time of the South African war, when neutral shippers began to send cargoes intended for the Transvaal Republic to the neutral port of Delagoa Bay.

The Washington note had not reached the Foreign Office late today, but it could not have been dealt with had it arrived, as Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, who has been away for the Christmas holidays, will not return until tomorrow.

Even the war news was allotted a secondary place to the note in the news columns of the papers, although that coming from the Russian front was highly gratifying to the Allies.

There has been a slackening of the fighting in Northern Poland, between the Lower Vistula and Pilica rivers, where the Russians have captured some German trenches, prisoners and guns—an indication it is believed here that the German frontal attack on the army guarding Warsaw has been definitely checked.

In Southern Poland the Russians also recorded some successes, while in Galicia they apparently have inflicted a defeat on the Austrians almost as serious as that which Emperor Francis Joseph's troops suffered in Servia.

Since their latest offensive commenced, the Russians have taken 50,000 Austrian prisoners and captured many guns, according to the Russian official report, and, if, as was intimated, Austria has between three and four army corps on its re-entry into Galicia, it must have lost more than a third of the number in killed, wounded and prisoners. Muddy roads have prevented the Russians from making the pursuit as effective as it might have been.

Of the fighting in the West, the French and German reports are in direct conflict. The French claim to have occupied the village of St. Georges, which is on the mian road between Nieuport and Bruges, and two miles from the former town. On the other hand the German report says:

"We have gained some ground near Nieuport."

Heavy fighting is taking place in the Argonne, and on the Heights of the Meuse. The French report apparently refers to later events than those recorded in Berlin for Paris tells of the re-capture of a trench, which the German communication mentions as having been captured by the Germans. The French are investing Steinbach in upper Alsace.

News from Germany is coming slowly as cable communication between England and Holland is dislocated by the storm, and telegraph wires between Holland and Germany have been wrecked in many places.

With the close oof the holidays the recruiting boom has re-commenced in England. Large numbers enlisted today.

OFFICIALS NOT SURPRISED.

British Government Has Looked for Note for Some Time is Report.

London, Dec. 29.—The United States protest to Great Britain against detention of American cargoes by British warships caused little surprise in official circles here. For several months negotiations on the subject have been in project between Ambassador Page and Foreign Secretary Grey on the American note, synopsis of which was published here today, is regarded as a summary of the grievances of the United States in this connection.

The note itself has not reached the foreign office, and until it does no official comment is expected.

The foreign office, however, has constantly reiterated its regret at the delay to American ships and high officials have expressed a desire to expedite examination of American cargoes as much as possible under the existing trying conditions.

Statements that the delaying of cargoes by the British authorities is held responsible for a certain depression in American trade have created some surprise. Officials expressed the opinion today that Americans holding such views must fail to take into consideration the sweeping effect upon American commerce of the disappearance of

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EXORBITANT RATES ARE BEING CHARGED

And Ocean Transportation Facilities Inadequate.

IS REPORT TO SENATE

Secretaries Redfield and McAdoo Make Report to Upper House of Congress After Making Thorough Examination

Washington, Dec 29—Evidence of inadequate ocean transportation facilities and "unreasonable and exorbitant" increases in rates since the European war, communicated to the Senate today in a report by Secretaries Redfield and McAdoo, is to be used by champions of the pending government ship purchase bill in urging favorable action in the Senate. Senator Fletcher, acting chairman of the commerce committee, is preparing a report on the ship purchase bill, already recommended for action, embodying portions of the information furnished by the cabinet officials. The committee will urge the need of enlarged shipping facilities for adequately taking care of American commerce abroad.

Increases in ocean freight rates since the beginning of war are characterized as having been in many cases "unreasonable and exorbitant" notwithstanding extraordinary conditions, by the Secretaries in their report.

The report declares that in shipping circles generally it is estimated that 50 per cent of the ships have been eliminated "through the tying up of the German and Austrian marine and through the commandering of such a large part of the British marine by the admiralty. On account of the large purchases of war supplies and the great profits which can be derived from shipments to European ports there has been a corresponding increase in the demand for ships for cargo purposes. The inevitable result has been a steady increase in steamship rates.

Rate Speculative

The increased rates, the report says, have in many cases been speculative and the larger increases have been to European and Mediterranean ports. The general level of rates to South America, South Africa and the Far East, the report declares, "has remained fairly consistent" with the exception of a sur-tax of 25 per cent to South American and 20 per cent to South Africa.

The only remedy for the present situation the Secretaries assert, "is to increase the available tonnage in order that the increasing demand for cargo space can be partially satisfied"

Some of the rate increases between July 11th and December 19th, 1914, were given as follows:

Grain: New York to English and European ports, from four and five cents a bushel to 16 and 17 cents a bushel, to Rotterdam, from 6 1-4 cents to 30 3-8 cents a bushel.

Provisions: New York to European ports from $4.87 to $7.30 a ton; to Rotterdam from 28 cents a hundred pounds to 38 cents a hundred pounds.

Flour: New York to English ports from 12 and 13 cents a hundred pounds to 26 and 35 cents a hundred.

Cotton seed oil: To Liverpool and Manchester, from 97 cents to $1.95 cents a barrel.

SENATE OCCUPIED WITH IMMIGRATION DEBATE.

Entire Day Taken Up With Debate on Proposed Literary Test.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Debate on the literary test provision of the immigration bill opposed by President Wilson occupied the entire session of the Senate today.

Senator O'Gorman attacked the literacy test as not a proper method of measuring the qualifications of an immigrant for American citizenship. Illiteracy did not mean ignorance or stupidity, he insisted. Senator Dillingham declared the literacy test would lessen the flow of low class labor without impairing beneficial immigration. He read census figures to show that virtually 80 per cent of all recent immigration fell in the former class.

Senator Reed declared that only fear of the political effect had prevented the authors of the bill from proposing absolute exclusion of all immigration. Retention of the "undemocratic" test proven, he declared, would prove a mill stone about the Democratic party's neck.

UNDESIRABLES MUST LEAVE.

British Police Have Served Notice on Certain Ones to Leave Coast.

London, Dec. 29.—The police have served notice on persons regarded as undesirable, to quit coast towns adjoining the Tyneside district and Sunderland. The persons affected include aliens of enemy countries and naturalized aliens of both sexes and also British born descendants of aliens, including the second generation.

Exceptions are made in cases of advanced age or extreme youth. Those affected must leave within eight days to an area 30 miles from the coast approved by the military authorities.

RECENT TROUBLE IS NOT DANGEROUS

Jones Bill Not Threatened by Outbreak at Manila.

WILL PASS CONGRESS

Senate Philippine Committee Resumes Hearings Today—Recent Outbreak Will Not Effect New Legislation is Belief.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Neither President Wilson nor Congressional leaders consider recent disturbances in the Philippines of sufficient importance to influence action on the pending Jones bill extending the Filipinos a greater measure of self-government, and hearings on the measure, to be resumed tomorrow by the Senate Philippine committee, will be hastened with a view to a favorable report by the middle of January.

The committee will look into last week's disorders as far as official reports will permit, but it is understood to be satisfied that the uprising was of only minor significance.

Manuel Quezon, the Philippine resident commissioner, in an address in the House today, said the disturbance could in no sense be considered a revolution.

"There is not the least provocation for a revolution in the Islands," said Mr. Quezon, "and the Filipinos today would defend the United States sovereignty if American troops were removed."

Mr. Quezon quoted a report saying a squad of American soldiers had used chairs as weapons to rout Filipino rebels at a dance hall.

"Now," asked Mr. Quezon, "how is it possible for any man with common sense to give importance to this news of revolt in the Philippines when the so-called revolutionaries pick out as a point of attack a dance hall and are routed with chairs by the dancers. The whole thing is a joke."

Chairman Hitchcock, of the Senate Philippine committee, said emphatically that the disorders would not be permitted to impede progress of the Jones bill. Some amendments may be made to the House bill, but these will have no bearing on recent developments.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 29.—Prof. Henri F. Micoleau, of Brown University, who enlisted as a French infantry officer and was reported killed in action September 2nd, now is believed to be a prisoner in Germany. His wife announced today receipt of word to that effect from the Geneva Red Cross.

War News at a Glance

Details of fighting in the East and the West are even more lacking than ever in the official statements issued by the respective governments. In Belgium both French and Germans claim to have gained ground near Nieupodt and at other points.

In Poland the progress of the battle has not been defined. The German official press bureau intimates that the Austrians in Galicia will have to make new dispositions, owing to the strengthening of the Russian forces there. The bureau admits that the extreme left wing oof the Russians is proving itself superior to its opponents. It announces that the French have assembled strong forces in the Vosges region.

The loss of the French submarine Curie is confirmed. The Curie was engaged in an attempt against the warships at the Austrian naval base of Pola and ventured there alone.

Emperor William has been in conference at his headquarters with Grand Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, and Admiral Von Tirpitz, minister of marine, on the subject of the British raid on Cuxhaven. Prince Henry journeyed from Kiel to headquarters for the conference. The belief is said to prevail in Berlin that Prince Henry will be given supreme command of the German fleet.

Incidental to the note of the United States to Great Britain, insisting on early improvement in the treatment accorded American commerce by the British fleet, President Wilson has appealed to American shippers of non-contraband goods not to permit contraband articles to be shipped with them. President Wilson says the government can deal with the shipping situation only if shippers use honest manifests.

Referring to the note addressed to Great Britain, the President declared that large damages eventually will have to bepaid by Great Britain for unlawful detention of American cargoes.

The State Department announces that Germany is not inclined to press hurriedly its request for the cancellation of the exequiturs of neutral consuls in Belgian territory, held by the German military. The United States in dealing with the request of Germany will, it is said, make no commitment which could be considered as recognition of Germany's possession of Belgium.

The commander of the United States cruiser North Carolina at Beirut has notified the Navy Department at Washington that it was the Russian cruiser Askold and not an American vessel that recently threatened to use its guns at Tripoli, Syria. The North Carolina was not at that port.

The United States has invited the South and Central American governments to send representatives to Washington to confer with the Treasury Department officials and American financiers on financial and commercial problems arising from the European war with the idea of bringing the two continents into closer commercial relation.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT STANDS READY TO FURTHER INSIST THAT ENGLAND COMPLY WITH DEMANDS

MANN SMILES AND FROWNS AT WILSON

Republican Leader in House Endorses Latest Act.

NOTE TO GREAT BRITAIN

In An Address Before House of Representatives Republican Leader Criticises Mexican Policy and Endorses Recent Note.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Endorsement of the protests to Great Britain against seizure of American neutral vessels and criticisms of the administration policy in Mexico were coupled in an address in the House today by Republican Leader Mann.

"Our rights on the high seas," said Mr. Mann, discussing the protest to England, "must be upheld with dignity and firmness."

Senator Walsh introduced a resolution calling upon the President, if not incompatible with public interest, to submit to the Senate copies of all correspondence with representatives of foreign nations relating to seizure by European belligerents of shipments of American copper consigned to neutral countries.

"I commend the administration for the position it has taken," said Mr. Mann. "I do not believe that we ought to resign all our rights on the seas to foreign countries. England has continually and persistently seized neutral vessels carrying neutral cargoes to neutral ports.

"We wish to keep out of this European war, but we do not intend, in order to keep out, to say to the warring nations, 'you may do what you please without regard to our rights.' There is no danger of our being involved in this war by protecting our rights. England cannot afford to go to war with us. Neither can Germany."

Referring to the Mexican situation, the Republican leader said:

"We haven't the moral right to say that anarchy must continue in Mexico. If there was a proper conception of our duties we could easily bring order out of chaos in Mexico and that without war. I favor the Monroe Doctrine, but I am not in favor of turning Mexico over either to anarchy in Mexico or control in Europe."

WILLIAM CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

German Ruler Holds Festive Occasion Mid Shot and Shells on Front.

Berlin, Dec. 29, via Amsterdam and London—Emperor William's Christmas celebration at military headquarters is described today in the Koelnische Zeitung. A large number of officers and soldiers, the paper says, participated in the festivities, which were held in a large room elaborately decorated with Christmas trees.

The Emperor, on entering the room, greeted the soldiers with:

"Good evening, comrades," and after a short sermon had been delivered, made the following speech:

"Comrades, we are here assembled in arms to celebrate the Holy festival which otherwise in peace we would be celebrating at home. Our thoughts go back to those whom we have left at home, to whom we owe all the presents in tables before us.

"It has been permitted by God that the enemy should force us to celebrate Christmas here. We have been attacked. We defend ourselves with God's help. We hope that for us and our country rich victory may spring from the hard fight.

"We are on hostile ground. The point of our sword is directed against the enemy, our hearts to our God. We say, as once the great elector did, 'down with all enemies of Germany, amen.'"

SECOND REQUEST MADE.

For Neutral Inspection of Detention Camps in Russia.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A second request for neutral inspection of detention camps in Russia was forwarded to Petrograd today by the American State Department at the request of the Austro-Hungarian foreign office through its embassy here.

A recent attempt by American Ambassador Marye to form a commission of investigation met with no response in Petrograd and the ambassador is said to have reported there was little hope of accomplishing in Russia what already has been done along this line in other belligerent countries.

It is stated that the Austro-Hungarian government instructed its embassy to renew representations on the subject because of recent reports concerning the condition of military and civilian aliens imprisoned, or detained in Russia. Some of these reports are said to have reached Vienna by letter, and others to have been carried to diplomats in Pekin by stragglers who made their way from Russia across the Chinese Frontier.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A bill authorizing the Hawaii legislature to grant suffrage to women in the islands was introduced in the House today by Delegate Kalanianaole. The measure also would authorize the legislature to submit the question to a popular referendum.

President Issues Appeal to American Shippers of Non-Contraband Not to Permit Contraband Articles to be Mixed With Their Cargoes—Supported by Honest Manifests Can Better Deal With Situation.

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON MUCH INTERESTED IN PUBLICATION OF SYNOPSIS OF NOTE

Other Nations of This Hemisphere May Join With American Government in Backing Up Demands—Millions of Dollars in Private Indemnities Will Have to be Paid by England Eventually, Says Wilson.

Washington, December 29. — President Wilson today appealed to American shippers of non-contraband not to permit contraband articles to be mixed with their cargoes. He said the United States could deal confidently with the problem of British detention of American ships only if supported by honest manifests.

The President's statement followed a discussion with his cabinet of the general shipping situation and of the protest sent yesterday to Great Britain against prolonged detention of American cargoes and other interference with American trade.

Publication of a synopsis of the note aroused much interest in official circles. Many foreign diplomats made formal inquiry at the State Department and were promised a memorandum on the subject. In some quarters it was said steps probably would be taken by other leading nations of this hemisphere as well as European neutrals, in support of the American viewpoint.

The President's comment on the situation convinced callers that the Washington government had spoken firmly of its desire for improvement in the conditions of neutral commerce, and was prepared to further insist on its rights. The President declared that the point of view adopted by the United States in its note was hardly debatable, as England had adhered to it in previous wars.

During the cabinet meeting it was suggested that shippers should be warned against shipment of doubtful articles in non-contraband cargoes. The White House then issued its suggestion regarding manifests. The President said the great embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed contraband under a cargo of cotton or other non-contraband. So long as there were instances of that kind, the President added, suspicion was cast on every shipment.

State Department officials said later that there were two cases in which this had occurred and that Great Britain had used them as a basis for general search. Solicitor Johnson declared it was absurd that any general conspiracy to conceal contraband on cotton shipments could exist because of mechanical difficulties.

Officials predicted that one result of the present agitation might be enactment of legislation penalizing the making of fraudulent manifests.

In some quarters there was talk of possible reprisals by the United States in case the British fleet did not accord better treatment to American cargoes. One suggestion was a possible embargo to the Allies on products which the United States considered legitimate articles of trade, but which the British fleet prevented from reaching Germany or Austria. Those close to the White House, however, were confident that no retaliatory measures would be necessary.

President Wilson predicted, however, that millions of dollars in private indemnities eventually would have to be paid by Great Britain for detention of American cargoes.

Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador, declined to make any comment on the American stand.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

Nations of Western Hemisphere to Discuss Commercial Conditions

Washington, Dec 29.—The United States has invited all Central and South American nations to send their ministers of finance and leading bankers to Washington for a conference with Treasury Department officials and financiers of this country on financial and commercial problems confronting the two Americas as a result of the European war. Several of the countries already have accepted and the conference probably will be held early in the spring.

Invitations were sent formally through the embassies and legations here. The plan originated with Secretary McAdoo, but Secretary Bryan and President Wilson have taken an interest in it. The visitors will come as the guests of the United States.

Officials of the State, Treasury and Commerce Departments expect the conference to prove an important step towards bringing the two American continents into closer commercial relationship.

They believe that in the Pan-American movement lies the hope of South America for financial independence of Europe, and suggest the possibility of New York becoming at least a serious competitor with London for supremacy as the world's financial center. It has long been recognized that the crux of the difficulties in the way of commerce between the United States and other American nations lay in the question of credits. South and Central American buyers have been accustomed to seek and easily obtain long term credits in Europe. At present bankers of the United States do practically no business direct with South America and foreign exchange with countries there is carried on through London. Largely to this has been attributed the comparatively small amount of trade between the United States and her next door neighbors to the South.

South American Hard Hit

When the war broke out, South America suffered a severe shock to her international business system. Recently one of the largest North American banks established branches in Rio Janeiro and Buenos Ayres with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board Others are expected to follow. Nevertheless there has been no stimulus to trade and no well designed movement to make direct banking operations possible.

Officials expect to see an interchange of views at the forthcoming conference that will lead to the establishment of many connections between Houses in the United States and those in the principal South American countries. Those familiar with financial conditions declare that money in especially easy in this country and that there are millions of dollars lying idle which might well be invested south of the equator.

The experience of Secretary McAdoo with Sir George Paish, of the English

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NAVAL STORES MEN WIRING PROTESTS

Against Placing Their Products on Contraband List.

INDUSTRY FACES RUIN

No Prospect That Postmaster Briggs Will be Disturbed Until His Term Expires—Carolina News from Washington.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Telegrams came thick and fast to senators today protesting against England placing naval stores on the contraband list. The attitude of England, if permitted by the United States, will ruin the industry in this country, according to telegrams received by Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and others today.

One firm in the South states that the South has already lost millions by the war on account of the cotton market being destroyed. "If England is not curbed in this latest order the naval stores industry will be wiped out," the telegram said.

Briggs in No Danger.

Unless the "charges" preferred against Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh, are far more serious than Representative Pou now believes them to be, Briggs will not be disturbed until his commission expires February 16th next. There is not a Democrat in Washington who believes the "charges" were of a sufficient nature to ask for the removal of the Raleigh postmaster. Mr. Pou will call at the Postoffice Department tomorrow and if he has time will read the entire 45 page report. Upon what he already knows, however, he does not anticipate any action towards Briggs' removal. He is so confident of his position that he has already asked the department to let the matter rest until he can read the inspector's report in full.

The general belief here now is that the whole matter was a tempest in a tea pot and that the tea pot has already exploded and injured no one except those who are responsible for the investigation and the inspector's report.

The most amusing phase of the whole question to North Carolinians in Washington was the two statements given out in Raleigh by Collector Bailey—one to the News and Observer and the other to the Greensboro Daily News, both statements just a trifle different, to fit the occasion perhaps.

The story sent out by your Washington correspondent seems to have "pierced the hide" of Mr. Bailey. The story was based on rumors which grow stronger as the end of the sensation draws nearer. The rumor that the News and Observer had complained of Briggs' supervision of the postoffice at Raleigh seems to be justified.

Bailey complains that the Washington correspondents do not print all the facts. If the collector has power to compel the Postoffice Department to make public the report, he will have earned the good will of all Washington correspondents for North Carolina newspapers. Furthermore, if he can perform this feat, which many fairly intelligent human beings have tried but failed, he will have shown the Democratic voters of Wake county that he has more power in Washington than he has in the county of his nativity on election day. Sad but true, those Democrats who tied to Bailey and went before the people of Wake have met with obstacles that they have never been able to overcome. They were defeated.

Again, if the Collector knows what is contained in the report, he knows more than members of Congress and the two senators, the gentlemen who are responsible for Mr. Bailey walking away with one of the largest pieces of Federal "pie" in North Carolina.

Neither Senator Simmons nor Senator Overman has seen the report. Neither one is taking a hand in the fight to remove Briggs.

Tar Heels in Washington.

Manley McDowell, of Morganton, one of the revenue agents for North Carolina, is here visiting friends. Mr. McDowell is taking his month's vacation which is allowed to all government employes.

Senators Overman and Simmons and Representatives Pou and Webb returned today on delayed trains.

Walter B. Jernegan, of Benson, Johnston county, has been appointed a revenue inspector by Commissioner Osborne, Mr. Jernegan will begin work in New York City. For some time he has been one of Senator Simmons' clerks on the finance committee. His resignation will create a vacancy for a good North Carolina clerk.

Billy Leinster, confidential secretary to Senator Simmons, has returned to duty after having been in a Statesville hospital for some time.

Herbert Sink, of Lexington, and Cortes L. Wright, both important links in Senator Simmons' office force, have returned after spending the holidays in the State. P. R. A.

NEGRO HOMICIDE IN COLUMBUS.

Colored Youth Shoots and Kills Girl of His Own Color.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 29.—Howard MacNeill, a colored youth about 17 years old, was lodged in jail here this morning charged with the murder of a negro girl, Ruth Nelson, about the same age.

According to Deputy Sheriff Wayne, who made the arrest, the shooting, which happened yesterday about 2 o'clock, at Lake Waccamaw, occurred at the home of another negro where the Nelson girl was employed. MacNeill claims that the shooting was accidental and was done with a pistol belonging to the girl over which they were tussling when the fatal shot was fired. The woman for whom the dead girl was working, however, is reported as saying the girl had no pistol and that the shooting was the outcome of a row. The two negroes were on the porch when the shooting occurred, and further than the statement made by the negro girl before she died "Howard MacNeill shot me" nothing positive could be learned.

The negro boy will be given a hearing before Justice of the Peace E. A. Maultsby at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

"RUTH, COME TO ME!"
And John Dore Saved the Girl he loved from certain death in "The Master Key", Bijou today.—Advertisement.

SENSATION CREATED IN ENGLAND BY THE RECEIPT OF THE NOTE

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German merchant ships from the sea, as well as other effects of the war beyond the control of Great Britain and her allies. It is believed in London that the foreign office will make a detailed statement as to the activity of the navy in detaining suspected cargoes which will put these contraband troubles in a different light. The foreign office repeatedly has expressed its regret that merchants in no way violating the neutrality should suffer delay because copper and other articles declared contraband frequently have been found hidden under coal or other heavy cargoes. But at the same time it takes the position that trans-shipment at sea and other sharp practices have made careful inspection imperative. Frequently cargoes are so loaded that an inspection makes necessary a complete shifting of virtually everything in the vessel.

The statement that the American protest is thoroughly approved by President Wilson has created much comment here and has added weight to its effect. There is some disposition in London, however, to regard it to a certain extent as a measure to satisfy insistent demands in Congress.

Particular surprise has been expressed by officials at the disposition of certain Americans to hold Great Britain partly responsible for the depression in cotton.

Officials believe that to be due to over-production, and not to any action on the part of the government.

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Comparatively Minor Successes Are Referred to in Report.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The French official statement on the progress of the war, given out this afternoon, refers to comparatively minor French successes, and mentions violent bombardment of certain French positions by German artillery. The French have occupied a village in Belgium, they have gained ground in the Argonne, and they are investing Steinbach, in upper Alsace.

The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium the village of St. Georges has been occupied by our troops, who have established themselves in this location.

"From the Lys to the Somme the enemy has bombarded our positions rather violently in the vicinity of Rehetle at St. Aubin, at LeQuesnoy and at Pouchoir, to the northwest of Roye.

"There has been calm along the front between the Somme and the Argonne.

"We gained a little ground in the Argonne, notably in the forest of LaGrurie, in the forest Bolante and in the forest Courte-Chaussee.

"On the heights of the Meuse several German counter attacks have been repulsed, in the Forest of LeBouchot, which is northeast of Troyon.

"The forces of the enemy which had occupied our trenches in the vicinity of the Redoubt in the burned forest to the west of Apremont have been driven out after three successive counter attacks.

"In Upper Alsace, following a violent engagement, we are today closely investing Steinbach, and our forces have taken possession of the ruins of the chateau which is located to the northwest of this village."

SECOND OFFICIAL REPORT.

Given Out by French War Office—Germans Can't Use French Shells.

Paris, Dec. 29.—A second official announcement was made by the French military authorities this afternoon. It is as follows:

"An official German communication dated December 26th and transmitted generally to all stations where wireless telegrams are copied, refers to the fact that it often happens that the shells used by the German field artillery do not explode. At the same time the statement is made that these shells were taken by capture from the French or the Belgians.

"The Germans who daily have excellent opportunities to observe the efficiency of the French artillery have now discovered a new quality in our guns. This is that they are dangerous only when operated by Frenchmen.

"Let us believe that this is only one more of the romantic tales painstakingly spread abroad by the Germans' wireless system."

DENMARK IS CAREFUL.

King Will Entertain Diplomats of Different Countries in Groups.

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 29.—The King's usual custom of receiving each diplomatic mission to Denmark separately on New Year's day will not be followed this year, as it is feared some representative of a belligerent power might meet the representative of an enemy power on arriving or departing from the place. Instead of the former custom, the dean of the diplomatic corps, Dr. G. F. Hagerup, the Norwegian minister, will present to the King the diplomats' greetings.

The usual dinner to all members of the diplomatic corps has been cancelled and the King will entertain the envoys in groups.

AMERICAN A SUICIDE

Doctor from Milwaukee, Member of Canadian Contingent, Dead in London

London, Dec, 28—A verdict of suicide was returned tonight by a coroner's jury that investigated the death of a man, said to be Ralph K. Danforth a medical pracitioner of Milwaukee, and a member of the Canadian contingent.

According to the testimony the man was found dead in his room in a hotel with a wound in his throat which evidently had been self inflicted. A photograph of a woman was in the man's lap. No evidence was adduced to show why he committed suicide.

GERMANY SAYS SUCCESSES

Official Report Declares Advance Made on Both Fronts by Troops

Berlin, Dec, 28—(By wireless to London) The German official statement given out in Berlin today says the German attacks in Poland have made progress, and that Russian advances have been repulsed.

In the West the Germans claim gains near Nieuport and Ypres, they defeated the French not far from St. Menehould captured a trench west of Apremont, and repelled attacks elsewhere. The text of the communication follows:

"In the western arena of the war we gained some ground, after relatively unimportant engagements, near Nieuport and to the southeast of Ypres.

"Several strong French attacks to the Northwest of St. Menehould have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. We captured 200 prisoners.

"An advance in the burned forest to the west of Apremont led to the capture by us of one fortified French trench and three machine guns. French attacks to the west of Sennheim have been repelled.

"No changes have taken place in the situation in East Prussia.

"Poland: On the right bank of the Vistula, on a branch of the Bzura and on the Rawka rivers, our attacks have made progress In the region south of Inowlodz strong Russian attacks have been repulsed".

RUSSIA HOLDS HER OWN.

Official Report Says Fighting Severe On Most of Eastern Front

Petrograd, Dec, 29—The following statement received from the Russian general headquarters was issued this evening:

"Today between the lower Vistula and the Pilica only fighting of small importance took place. The Germans left their trenches on the right bank of the Bzura near the Village of Mistrzevice and fell back on the left bank of the Bzura.

"On the river Rawka our heavy artillery is fighting efficaciously a large number of German batteries of heavy guns.

"In the region of Bolimowo our attacks have alternated with those of the Germans.

"We have dislodged the enemy from a trench near the village of Sumino which they had taken from us preciously, by a counter attack in which we captured much guns and prisoners.

"On the center between the Pilica and the upper Vistula only cannonading was heard. We made progress on two wings.

"During an attack on a German redoubt to the south of Inowlodz we captured three machine guns.

"Our troops met with success while crossing the lower Nida in the taking by storm of the villages of Starokorczin and Senisiavice, which were well fortified. During the fighting we captured 40 Austrian officers and over 1,700 soldiers and three machine guns.

"In Western Galicia we have made progress in spite of the almost impassible condition of the country due to mud. We have driven the enemy from the front of Stromnik-Sorlico-Jasliska, taking guns and a large number of machine guns.

"During the first half of December (old style calender), we captured 50,000 Austrians".

BERLIN PRESS REPORT

Official Press Statement as to Germany's View of Operations

Berlin, Dec, 29 (By wireless to Sayville) Items given out today by the German official press bureau include:

"The Russians have strengthened their forces opposing the Austrians in Galicia and the latter, it is understood will make new dispositions, which will require some time. Local military experts claim that Russia's occupation of the line of Krosno-Jaslo is no real gain for the Russians, but that it is weakening their position. This view, however, is considered too optimistic and the fact might be faced that the extreme left wing of the Russians is proving itself superior to its opponents. The present action of the Russians in strengthening their forces there is due to their realization of what an encircling of their flank in Galicia should signify.

"News of importance is likely to come from the Vosges district at any time since the French have assembled strong forces all along the line of Belfort Epinal-Toul-Nancy. They still hold all the Vosges passes and appear to be developing new activity along an extended line against Alsace and Sundgan.

"Major Moraht, military experts of the Tageblatt," in an article discussing the English reconnaissance at Cuxhaven, declares it would be extremely difficult in winter to land troops on the Holstein or North Hanover coast, but says that even if it were done the invaders would get a warm welcome.

"The French military administration has decided to remove the Moroccan Spahis from the front as unfit for trench warfare.

"The German government will permit private traffic on the Belgian railway from January.

"A pastoral letter from all the German Catholic archbishops and bishops calls the world war a Divine judgment for human wickedness. The letter lays emphasis on the statement that Germany was not to blame for the outbreak of the war."

MUST HAVE PASSPORTS

State Department Again Warns Americans Planning to Travel Abroad

Washington, Dec, 29.—The State Department today again warned Americans contemplating travel abroad that they mut provide themselves with proper passports. Germany, the department said, had given notice that after January 1st, no persons be allowed to enter that country without passports bearing their photographs and vised by German diplomatic or consular officials.

Numerous complaints were said to have come from England, France and Italy of Americans atempting to enter these countries without passports.

The department's statement says: Passports must be vised for Italy, Russian, Turkey and the Balkan countries and that it is advisable to have them vised for France, Spain, and probably other European countries. The vise is not required of persons entering England, but it is necessary for all persons entering British possessions to bear passports.

CONFERENCE OVER RAID.

Emperor William and Two High Officials, One a Prince, in Conference.

London, Dec. 29.—A Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says the German Emperor summoned Prince Henry of Prussia to his headquarters to confer with him and Admiral Von Tirpitz, minister of marine, on the British raid on Cuxhaven. The conference lasted several hours, the prince returning to Kiel by special train. It is believed in Germany, the dispatch adds, that Prince Henry is to be given supreme command of the battleship fleet.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—The battleship Oregon, which has been overhauled to take her place at the head of the naval parade through the Panama Canal, steamed from here today for a two-days trial cruise. The Oregon will go into commission Saturday.

New York, Dec, 29—Two more American surgeons will be sent to Europe by the Red Cross. The men selected at J. W. Crookston, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Dr. Harry T. Lay of Montgomery, Ala. They will sail tomorrow for Budapest.

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UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM ONE OF GREAT MOMENT

National Conference on That Question in Session.

Many Suggestions Made for Relief of Conditions Chief of Which is the Bureau to Carefully Watch Labor Market.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Many suggestions for solving the unemployed problem were offered at today's sessions of the National Conference on Unemployment. One was that the labor market should be organized and directed by a national employment bureau with branches in every important city. Another proposal was that labor unions should cease to draw sharp lines between the trades.

American women were urged to help to provide steady employment for thousands of workers by being less capricious in demanding ever-changing styles.

John B. Andrews, of New York, secretary of the association, outlined the plan for organizing the labor market under a new branch of the Federal Department of Labor with headquarters at Washington.

Frank O'Hara, of the Catholic University of America, declared it was the duty of those charged with the expenditure of public money for labor to study the conditions of the labor market. Even where the cost of executing public work is slightly higher in industry's dull season," he said, "it will be found that in the end it is true economy to furnish workers with a steady opportunity to earn a living rather than to furnish them with intermittent doles of charity."

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS READY TO INSIST THAT ENGLAND COMPLY

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treasury, is said to have inspired the plan for the conference. Problems which had puzzled the bankers of England and the United States were smoothed out here in a few weeks, as a result of Sir George's visit.

Detailed arrangements for the conference have not been taken up but it probably will be held at the Pan-American Union building. The sessions are expected to continue for at least a week.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT

Inclined to Await Text of Note Before Going Fully Into Details

London, Dec, 30.—(1:30 A. M.) The morning newspapers comment at length on the American government's note to Great Britain concerning treatment according American commerce by the British fleet and agree that the American protest should be met by the British government in the spirit of friendly good will shown by the note. Generally, however, the newspapers are inclined to await the actual text of the note before indulging in detailed discussion.

In the meantime they point out how inevitably serious difficulties arise whenever questions of neutrality are involved. Moreover, they dispute the theory that Great Britain alone is responsible for the dislocation of the world's trade, arguing that even had she remained neutral the fact that a number of the old nations were involved must have had a detrimental effect of the world's commerce. In any case, they say, Great Brtain was not responsible for the war. The Times says:

"The note is dated December 24th and, although the idea may seem fanciful, we cannot help imagining that it was by no accident that the eve of the great festival of peace and good will was chosen for the despatch of this friendly communication from one of the great branches of the English speaking communities to the other.

"If anything in the telegraphic summary of the note as received here should seem peremtory, we feel assured that this appearance is entirely due to the necessities of compression and will vanish when the text of the document is before us. We fully realize the inconvenience and the loss the conduct of the war must occasion to American and other neuthrals. We also are confident that when the note is published we shall find that President Wilson and his colleagues are not insensible to the imperious requirements of our military situation. We do not suppose this is a dispute of our right as belligerents to practice such intereference with commerce, between neutrals as in manifestly necessary for the protection of our national safety. What they do question, as we gather it, is whether the action of our ships does not in some cases exceed that manifest necessity".

Declaring there are many peculiar conditions arising from the war which justify's Great Britain's policy the editorial continues:

"The note deals throughout with unshaken faith in our sense of justice. That trust we shall assuredly do our best to preserve. It is quite inconceivable that two sensible peoples on the friendliest of terms with eacvh other should not succeed in devising a modus vivendi in accordance with the general principles of international law which will at the same time meet the peculiar facts and circumstances of this unprecedented war".

Always a Sore Point.

The Morning Post says:

"The note will receive from the British government the fullest consideration and will be answered in a spirit not only of justice and equity but of good will."

The editorial says the examination of suspected cargoes always has been a sore point with neutrals during wars and continues:

"We shall not attempt to discuss the American complaints until the text of the note is available, but we will ask those Americans who think that England was right in taking part in the war to try to put themselves in England's position. Without securing command of the sea England cannot help her allies on the continent and cannot secure herself against invasion. How, then, do our American friends suppose command of the sea should be used as a means of exerting pressure on the enemy? It was used by the United States government as a means of exerting pressure on the Confederacy. The whole coast of the Confederacy from the Potomac to the Mexican border was blockaded and every neutral ship trading with Confederate ports was liable to capture.

"The allied governments might now declare a blockade of the North Sea, of the Baltic and of the Mediterranean and could doubtless make it effective. That would injure neutral states, but it would make an end of sea trade with Germany."

Suggests a Cause.

In conclusion the Morning Post urges that the whole difficulty lies in the presence of neutral states in close proximity to the belligerents and in the disputed doctrines of neutrality, and suggests that consideration of the problem of neutrality may throw some light on the real nature of the relations between states and on the truth about peace and war.

The Express says:

"We are keenly anxious that Americans should suffer the least possible loss from the war, but war means inevitable loss for neutrals as well as for belligerents. Lancashire starved during the American Civil War and during the war with Spain the Washington government took the same measure to prevent the enemy from receiving supplies as Great Britain and France are taking now.

"Americans are too fair and sportsmanlike to ask or expect us to tie one arm behind our back when we are meeting a powerful antagonist."

Action Justified.

The Daily Graphic justifies the American action. It says if the Americans made no protest their silence must be construed as an unfriendly act towards Germany.

"But," adds The Graphic, "the hardship to the America nshipper is less great than he pretends. He can dispose of all his goods either to Great Britain or her allies or to remote neutral countries at quite good prices."

The Daily Mail considers the question not impossible of solution by two business-like nations which appreciate each other's difficulties and have no desire to add to them.

"Americans," the Daily Mail continues, "must be aware that the greater the economic pressure the Allies are able to bring to bear on Germany the sooner will the war be over. In the prosecution of this policy we regret inconvenience caused to American trade and any solution which will mitigate this inconvenience without harm to our military interests will be heartily welcomed."

BORDER TROUBLE IS NOT FINALLY SETTLED

Factions Still Shooting But Not Immediately in Naco,—Await Order

Naco, Ariz, Dec, 29—General Hill's Carranza troops in Naco, Sonora, began firing again tonight after sending out scouts who were reported to have been driven back by Yaqui Indians. The Indians were believed to be part of the guard governor Maytorena threw around the town last night to prevent Hill's troops leaving before Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott's border safety plan finally was accepted.

Maytorena was expected to announce yesterday his agreement to the plan which provided that Hill should evacuate Naco and assemble his force at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas Ariz., Maytorena's agents reported last night they would hold another conference with General Scott and this was taken here to mean there would be further delay.

Norfolk, Va., Dec, 29.—The battleship Delaware sailed from this port early today for Mexico. Her destination is said to be Vera Cruz. The Delaware, a week ago, was ordered to prepare to sail for Mexico by Sunday. Orders to sail were received last night.

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RECOMMENDS SOME NEW LEGISLATION

Comptroller Williams Submits His Annual Report

REVIEWS NEW SYSTEM

Would Require Uniform By-Laws for National Banks—Printed Signatures on Currency—Wants Power to Remove.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Comptroller Williams, of the currency bureau, submitted his annual report to Congress today. It covers the beginning of the transition from the old National banking system to the new Federal Reserve system, as well as the operations of more than 7,000 National banks which have become part of the new system since his last annual report was made.

Aside from reviewing the provisions of the new bank law and the steps by which it was put into operation, the Comptroller makes some recommendations for new legislation. They are:

An amendment to require uniform by-laws for National banks. In that connection the Comptroller declares many bank directors fail to direct and says any director who does not attend a majority of board meetings in a year should be ineligible for re-election.

An amendment to permit signatures on National bank notes to be printed instead of made with pen and ink, which would permit the bills to be washed and restored to circulation.

That National banks be required to limit their deposits to ten times their combined capital and surplus.

That the Comptroller be empowered to remove, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, any director or officer of a National bank, guilty of violating any of the more important provisions of the bank law and direct that suit be brought against them in the name of the bank to recover for the results of any malfeasance in office.

Of the Federal Reserve act and what it is expected to accomplish for the finance and commerce of the country the Comptroller says:

"The Federal Reserve act is designed not only to cure weaknesses and defects of the currency system under which we have struggled, and sometimes staggered, in the past, as we have outgrown the conditions and passed beyond the circumstances which it was especially provided to meet, but to offer to the people of this country many new advantages and opportunities, while emancipating business from many evils, difficulties, and troubles with which it has been burdened and from which it has found no escape."

At some length the Comptroller recounts the activities of governmental agencies to aid the financial and business world during the stress at the outbreak of the European war. He covers practically the same ground as Secretary McAdoo did in his recent report to Congress. The remainder of the Comptroller's report is given over to statistics.

There were 26,765 banks reporting to state and federal officers in the United States at the close of business on June 30. Those banks, including all kinds, had aggregate resources of $26,971,398,931, showing an increase of more than $1,200,000,000 in the year. There were 172 more banks reporting than the year previous. The banks showed loans and discounts amounting to $15,288,357,284 with individual deposits subject to check without notice amounting to $9,529,573,744. They held gold coin and gold certificates totaling more than $912,000,000. Within the year ended October 31, 1914, the Comptroller says, 319 applications were received from persons wishing to organize national banks. Of these 226 were approved.

"GIVE US A LIFT, MISTER"

500,000 American Children Need Your Help Today

Washington, Dec 28—Nearly half a million children can be released from exacting and injurious work during the New Year according to a statement issued today by the National Child Labor Committee announcing the new campaign it is launching on behalf of the Palmer-Owen child labor bill now pending in Congress.

The first step in this campaign will be a national conference in Washington, D. C. on the 5th, and 6th, of January, at which Senator Owen, Senator Kenyon, Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, Hon. Victor Murdock of Kansas, Julia C. Lathrop of the Children's Bureau, Jane Addams of Chicago, Jasper Y. Brinton of Philadelphia, William H. Maltbie of Baltimore, and others will speak.

The next move will be the observance of Child Labor Day on January 24th, and 25th., when 10,000 clergymen and school principals throughout the country will address churches and schools on the subject of the Palmer-Owen bill. Later in Feburary, a 25-panel exhibit prepared by the Committee will be opened in San Francisco as a part of the Panama Exporition.

The Committee explains, however, that this campaign for a federal law will not take the place of state work but that representatives of the Committee will appear before 15 state legislatures in connection with child labor and compulsory school attendance bills. The Palmer-Owen bill would elimate 10-year old cannery children and the youngsters under 14 in the cotton mills it would back up the efforts of state authorities to enforce laws that already exist, it would shorten the hours of the 100,000 children who are legally working a 9, 10, or 11-hour day; and it would do away with the iniquitous night work of children in glass factories. But only improved state laws can deal with the equally important matters of the education and health of children who go to work, or regulate their employment in stores, messenger service and their occupations in which interstate commerce is not involved".

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FOUND IN FROZEN POOL OF RAIN-DILUTED BLOOD.

Allison Hodges, of Cumberland, Dead on A. C. L. Track.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 29.—Lying dead between the two tracks of the Coast Line about midway between this city and Godwin, Allison Hodges, a well-to-do farmer whose home was near here, was found in a frozen pool of rain-diluted blood at an early hour yesterday morning. Mystery surrounded the manner of death, and the theory that the unfortunate man was killed under the wheels of a train was given little credence because of the absence of severe mutilation. Coroner McGougan, of Cumberland, was called to hold an inquest.

The dead man was here Sunday to visit his brothers. Late in the evening he started afoot for his home, several miles to the southward. That was the last known to have been seen of him alive, though the opinion is advanced by some that after leaving his brother's home he was met and murdered—his body being placed upon the tracks to cover the crime. It is not known, however, that there is any foundation for this rumor and few responsible citizens give it credence. The general opinion is that the man was overcome by extreme cold and fainted upon the tracks.

MISS MAGGIE BEATTY DEAD.

Young Woman of Exemplary Christian Character Dies at McDonald.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Atkinson, N. C., Dec. 29.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, MacDonald, N. C., on Saturday, December the 26th, Miss Maggie Beatty fell asleep in Christ. She was buried Sunday evening in the Beatty cemetery, near Ivanhoe, N. C., Rev. E. B. Carr conducting the funeral service.

She was one of the faithful few, a consistent member of South River church, Garland, N. C. She was a woman who always stood loyal to her church, her Bible and her God. She gave to her church and to her God, not only freely of her means and of her prayers, but best of all, she gave her life unreservedly to our blessed Lord and Master. To those who mourn, we would say, "Weep not, as those who have no hope."

The close of the life of this good woman could not be better expressed than in these words (II Tim. 4:7) "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all those that love His appearing." E. B. C.

ROBBERS RAID OFFICE OF GOLDSBORO LUMBER CO.

Take $200 in Money from Safe at Dover Sunday Morning.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 29.—During the wee sma' hours of Sunday morning some person entered the office of the Goldsboro Lumber Company at Dover, gained an entrance to the safe and in departing, carried with them $200 of the company's money. The theft was discovered a few hours later and Sheriff R. B. Lane, of this city, was informed of the affair and in company with several of the deputies he carried the county blood hounds to Dover and put them on the trail. The dogs picked up a scent but the ground was covered with ice and they were unable to follow this up and the search for the thief was, for the time being, abandoned. Entrance to the building was gained through a window. The first door of the safe had been left open on the previous night and all that the marauder had to do was to break open the small inner door and this was comparatively an easy matter. It is the opinion of the officers of the company that the job was done by some one familiar with the premises and an arrest is expected soon.

MAY REMAIN IN NEWBERN.

Rev. L. B. Padgett Accepts Pastorate of Baptist Church Until June.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 29.—During the past few months Rev. L. B. Padgett, formerly of Greensboro, secretary of the North Carolina Laymen's Movement, has been filling the pulpit of the First Baptist church of this city and in fact has had entire charge of the services since Dr. E. T. Carter, the former pastor, accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Spencer, N. C. A few weeks ago the church extended to him a call to become the regular pastor ,but owing to the fact that his work as secretary of the Laymen's association required that he do considerable traveling during the next few months, Rev. Mr. Padgett declined to accept. The officers of the church took the matter under further consideration and two weeks later they extended the call to him again, this time informing Mr. Padgett that they would cheerfully allow him the time needed to attend to his duties as secretary of the Laymen's association. Mr. Padgett took the matter under consideration again and has decided to remain with the church until June and after that time there is a probability that he will become the regular pastor.

YOUNG SAXONS IN KINSTON.

Were in England at Beginning of War. Couldn't Get Home.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 27.—Jno. Kratschwill and Alfred Pufl, young Saxons, who fled from Manchester, England, at the outbreak of the European war, were here last evening. The couple were buyers for German cotton waste concerns in England, and had to leave the islands hurriedly and secretly at the declaration of war. Kratschwill left all his personal belongings behind him, and supposes that they were confiscated.

He and Pufl determined upon taking a chance, and since going to Germany was impossible and shipping between British ports and the United States was temporarily suspended, they shipped for Canada. The youths are well educated and speak English almost perfectly. They had little difficulty in getting through the Dominion to this country. Pufl has secured employment in a cotton mill here, and Kratschwill is going to Augusta, Ga., to locate. Neither of them has the slightest doubt that the Fatherland will be victorious in the world struggle.

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TEN JUDGES INFORMED OF THEIR RE-ELECTION

Tax Commission Gratified at Echoes From State.

Where Will Next Teachers' Assembly Be Held?—Y. W. C. A. for Winston-Salem—Day's News From Raleigh

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 29—Certificates of election were forwarded today by Governor Craig to those Superior court judges who were elected in the November election, certifications of their election being just submitted to the Governor by the Secretary of State. They are all re-elections and are as follows:

W. M. Bond, First district; George W. Connor, Second district; H. W. Whedbee, Fifth district; O. H. Allen, Sixth district; George Rountree, Eighth district; C. C. Lyon, Ninth district; W. A. Devin, Tenth district; T. J. Shaw, Twelfth district; W. P. Harding, Fourteenth district; J. L. Webb, Sixteenth district.

The Young Woman's Christain Association (Inc.) of Winston-Salem, was chartered today without capital stock for the purpose of general association work in the advancement of the spiritual, physical, social, intellectual and moral interests of women. The incorporators are Mrs. D. Rich, Mrs. J. L. Graham, Mrs. B. F. Efird, Mrs. Lindsay Paterson, Mrs. H. A. Phohl, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, Mrs. George Maslin, Mrs. J. W. Hanes, Mrs. E. C. Clinard, Mrs. S. W. Morrisette, Mrs. W. P. Hill.

Another charter is to the D. G. Craven Co., Winston-Salem, capital $25,000 authorized and $8,000 subscribed by D. G. Craven, W. J. Meadows, Greensboro; and D. C. Leonard, Lincolnton.

Tax Commission Gratified

Members of the Corporation Commission express themselves as especially gratified at the very favorable reception that has been given their recommendations as to taxation legislation by the press and the people out in the State and by those members of the Legislature who have thus far been heard from. This report, which carries a complete scheme of tax reform in compliance with the constitutional provisions as to taxation, is in the hands of Governor Craig and will be transmitted by him to the Legislature with whatever recommendations as to taxation legislation that the Governor may see fit to make in his official message to the Legislature to be presented immediately on the completion of the organization of the Legislature January 6.

Executive Committee to Meet

Secretary E. E. Sams, of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, is to issue a call within a few days for a meeting of the executive committee to be held here for the special purpose of selecting the place for the next annual session to be held next Thanksgiving week, following the last session held with such exceptional success at Charlotte. It is known that a number of places are on the alert to secure the Assembly for the next session, notably Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Wilmington. Miss Mary Graham, of Charlotte, is president of the Assembly and ex-officio chairman of the executive committee.

Supplies for National Guard

Adjutant General Laurence W. Young says there is every indication now that the War Department will issue its supplies to the companies of the Guard on the basis of the representation, or strength, shown at the annual inspections instead of on the basis heretofore used and that it is of the most vital importance to each and every company of the North Carolina National Guard that every enlisted man be gotten out for the inspections that begin right after the New Year with Capt. Russell Langdon and Col. Thomas Stringfield as the inspectors.

CRAIG WIRES BRYAN.

Protesting Against Resinous Products Being Placed on Contraband List.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 29.—Governor Craig has telegraphed to Secretary of State W. J. Bryan urging that he use his best efforts with the British ambassador to have his government rescind its action in placing resinous products and turpentine on the list of absolute contraband of war. The Governor said in his telegram:

"The placing of resinous products and turpentine (spirit of) by Great Britain on the list of absolute contraband of war works a great hardship on a large portion of North Carolina. Please use your best efforts with the British Ambassador to have his government rescind its action, which is a great blow to one of North Carolina's leading industries."

United States Senator Fletcher, of Florida, wired Governor Craig asking his aid in bringing to bear influence that may bring about relief. He wired the Governor among other things:

"The British ambassador has advised Secretary of State Bryan that Great Britain has now placed resinous products and turpentine on the list of absolute contraband. This action is drastic, uncalled for and unfair and is a blow to an industry prevailing throughout the yellow pine belt, and it followed assurances recently given that these products would not be on the contraband list."

No Evidence of Foul Play.

Soliciter H. E. Norris says that he has failed to find the slightest evidence of any foul play in the case of the death of J. P. Ryder, the plasterer who died in the city prison a few nights ago following a big spree, and that he thinks now that there will be no occasion for any autopsy and that the finding of the physicians who examined the body when the death in the prison was reported by the police that he died of the effects of the big spree he had been on seems fully warranted in spite of the suggestion of the woman, Mrs. Staley, who came here from Richmond to meet him, that he had been robbed of money and a valuable ring that he had written her he had for her here. No trace of the ring has been found. Richard F. Brown, who turned Ryder over to the police to be taken care of as beastly drunk, is being held pending an investigation as to whether he is guilty of the larceny of Ryder's overcoat, whatever money he had and of the ring that he is said to have had. Brown explains that he kept Ryder's overcoat in order that he might return it to him next morning when released from the police station and the authorities have found nothing to show that the man committed any larceny.

Farmers' Institutes.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham directs attention especially to the showing that there was an increase of over 20 per cent in the attendance of farmers and their wives and daughters upon the farmers' institutes held during the past year, the attendance having been 71,000 compared with 57,000 the previous year. These figures do not include the demonstration, corn club, girls' work and dairy meetings. The commissioner says that the institutes are accomplishing wonderful results in bringing the farmers to the realization of the importance of directing farming operations in accordance with the most approved methods.

EITHER WAY, SHE LOSES.

If Convicted of Perjury, Actress May Collect $22,500; Otherwise She Can't

(New York World.)

If Edith St. Clair is convicted of perjury she may be able to collect $22,500. If she is acquitted she cannot get the money.

Her attorney, Benjamin Slade, explained yesterday that if she were convicted an attempt would be made to collect the amount of the judgment she obtained from Klaw and Erlanger. This judgment was set aside by Justice Goff on Miss St. Clair's own affidavit that she did not have a life contract, as she had testified. This is the affidavit on which is based the perjury charge on which she is being tried.

Mr. Slade said yesterday that her conviction would mean that a jury had regarded this affidavit as perjury and that she was consequently entitled to her judgment.

After the justice had refused to permit Dr. Louis Lichtenstein, a nerve specialist, to tell yesterday what her physical and mental condition was in May, 1913, the trial was adjourned.

NOTICE

The Freight Warehouses of our companies in Wilmington, N. C., will be closed Friday, January 1st, 1915, except between the hours of 9:00 and 10:00 A. M., for the delivery of perishable freight only.

HENRY WHYTE,
Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railway.

A. J. MOORE, JR.,
Agent, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, SUPERIOR Court of New Hanover County.—R. C. Remick vs. Holly Shelter Land Company: Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Holly Shelter Land Company to file their claims with A. S. Williams, Receiver, Garrell building, Wilmington, N. C., on or before the seventeenth day of February, 1915, or, in accordance with an order made in the above cause, such claims will be barred. After February 17th, 1915, application will be made to the court to direct the receiver to sell so much of the assets of Holly Shelter Land Company as is necessary to pay all labor claims in full.

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Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginnig, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

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ARCHITECT
27, 28, 29 Garrell Building.

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Having this day qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the late A. D. McDonald, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said Testator, to present the same to me, duly verified, on or before the 25th day of November, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated at Wilmington, N. C., this November 24th, 1915.

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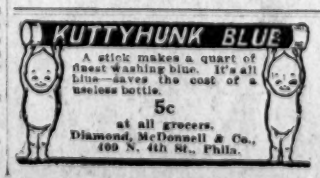
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THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1914.

Don't be a quitter. Start the New Year with a fresh grip.

Where is the optimist who claimed that prohibition is not and never would be a political issue?

Lowering clouds hang o'er us now and then But the shimmering sun bursts forth again. (With apologies to Longfellow).

Only three men were killed at Fair Play, S. C., during the Christmas holidays. Now for a report on Christmas doings around Square Deal.

The fact that an effort is now being made to teach grown men to read shows that we have been late in appreciating the advantages of schools.

Former President Taft continues to swat the Bull Moose party. He has been told that the thing is dead, but the corpse looks big enough for him to kick it while it's down.

Editors generally are expressing regret at the death of John Muir, the author. Many didn't know him and never read a one of his books, but there is no editor but who feels sorry when any srt of fellow author dies.

We regret to hear that the Filipinos have gotten it into their heads that they can take their independence from Uncle Sam. Instead of depending on an uprising, the Filipinos should go to school and hasten the day that Uncle Sam will be willing to trust them to have self-government.

Whatever there may be to say for or against a ship subsidy, a full fledged American merchant marine would look mighty good to the South just now, when the country's commerce is practically tied up on account of the lack of shipping facilities, and cotton is bringing less than seven cents per pound.

Considering that cotton is now selling around 22 cents per pound in Germany, as indicated in market reports this morning, the gentle protest of the United States government that England must take her foot off our neck so far as our commerce is concerned, rather appeals to the stricken South just now.

People are giving credit to Russia for having prohibition, without knowing whether Russia is still slipping out behind the barn to take a nip or so of voka. South Carolinians know enough about the Russian language to know that vodka is the same kind of moun-as the renowned "tangle-foot" of the "mountainous" section of the state.

The Manufacturers Record is preaching optimism with respect to the business outlook for the New Year. The bst part of it is that the Record's optimism is not a state of mind but a well based statement of prospects. There isn't any theorizing but its conclusions are logical and materially measured in accordance with the events that are casting their shadow before.

It continues to be reported that Provisional President Gutierrez has quietly slipped out of Mexico City without leaving his next address so his mail can be forwarded. Probably he would rather be right than be president and has slipped off somewhere so he can be right without being scared all the time. This indicates that Senor Gutierrez has sagacity superior that of a horse, since a horse will run away without having the slighest reason for doing so.

A fellow who licks another knows he hasn't done any great shakes if he has swatted a mollycoddle and done him up according to the rule of taking candy from a baby. In war, also, the belligerent has to depend on getting its credit for geting the best of another which makes victory a tough article to get. In Europe all sides are pulling off great stunts, and the men on the firing line are trying out each other's courage and valor like that of "blackgum against thunder".

A GREATER COMMERCIAL WILMINGTON.

A greater commercial Wilmington is what we can make of this city during the New Year which will greet us day after tomorrow. If we do that we will be going some. We can do it. We've got the tools with which to do it. We can do it by barking steadily and loudly on the trail of trade. We can get more trade by going after it, instead of expecting it to get after us. We can do it by using up three times as much printers' ink as we take for our share. We can advertise ourselves and our city more than ever by simply getting in the game.

A good time to advertise is when everything is booming, and when everything isn't booming it is a good time to advertise for the purpose of starting a boom. We can do things instead of letting things do us. Sure it is, we can do nothing without starting something and doing it. Anyhow, we ought not to let it get dull anywhere in the neighborhood of Wilmington. One of the very best times for a merchant to advertise is when it is dull. He advertises to get business, because that is why a merchant takes advantage of newspaper space. He does not do so for notoriety. He invests his money in advertising with a view to getting it back, and more besides, by attracting the attention of buyers to what he has to sell. There are three absolutely necessary things for a successful merchant to do. First to have goods to sell; second, to let buyers know through advertising that he has the goods; third, to have salesmen and saleswomen who know how to sell what is kept on hand for sale.

The merchant with goods to sell certainly does not want to keep it a secret. If he does he is sure to keep the goods. When a merchant is not selling his goods he finds that trade is dull. That is what he calls it when he isn't busy. In order to keep it from being dull he advertises, if he knows what is in the game. He advertises because it is an antidote for dullness. He makes advertising a part of his stock in trade, for the simple reason that customers have no earthly means of guessing at what he has for sale. He keeps them from guessing by advertising what he has for sale.

Advertising indicates a determination on the part of a merchant not to let it get dull in his store. A red flag for an auction sale means that there is something doing in the way of chances to buy something. A red flag and a loud clanging bell is meant to make passersby take notice. That is advertising, but if people do not happen to pass by it isn't advertising. If there are no people to see the flag or hear the bell, the mute flag gets no customers and the bell makes a noise that isn't worth a cent. However, when a crowd of people is passing, the red flag and the ringing of a bell make a pretty fair advertisement. Its value, however, depends on whether the crowd happens to run up on the advertisement when it is trying to get in its work.

Advertising in a newspaper is different. It goes to everybody who reads. A newspaper carries the noise into the homes of city people, to the homes of the people in villages far and near, to the homes at the cross roads and into the quiet rural home that nestles in a clump of trees by the roadside. A newspaper advertisement keeps on the rounds. It goes here and there and everywhere. It searches out people and appeals to them if it has any appeal in it worth 30 cents. If it is the right sort of a "barker" it is worth the money and it will get customers by means of the value of the announcement. There is business in it, and if there isn't it is a waste of space.

However, every advertiser can make advertising pay him if he has anything worth selling. If he hasn't got values worth advertising, he needn't waste his money for advertising. If he advertises and hasn't got the goods or bargains, he is a faker, but we have seen fakers make money by advertising. Advertising was their long suit and they knew it and counted on it as a puller.

Legitimate advertising is different. A merchant with actual values cannot afford not to advertise. If he is live enough to lay in a large and worthwhile stock of goods, he ought to be live enough to let peple know he is out for business. If he doesn't advertise and finds it dull, it is his fault. He is short of ginger in his business methods. He depends too much on letting people guess that he has some eye-opening bargains in his stock. Well, people can't guess, so a merchant has to get up his "rep" and keep it up by spending a little money for catchy advertising.

Most merchants want to be considered live ducks. They want people to understand that they've got the stuff, but they must not leave it to them to be mind-readers or good guessers. It is a sign that a merchant is a live wire when he advertises, and we don't know of anything that will make a merchant get liver than newspaper advertising or any old sort of advertising.

Somebody might say "you're barking for business for The Star." Sure, Mike. We believe in it for ourselves as well as we believe in it for you. However, we have sneaked this in without knowledge of the business office of The Star. We do it, however, because we want to help business in Wilmington. We are barking for Wilmington business. We would like to see several millions more business come to Wilmington this year, and we know that the best way to get it is to make a great big noise by advertising for it. We do it because we believe every live merchant ought to advertise in The Star and do his share in making Wilmington a greater mercantile center.

All of it helps to make a greater Wilmington and we want to make Wilmington a greater merchandise mart by blowing a hot blast all over the country. We know it can be done with printers' ink better than by any other means. We know it will help the merchants. We know it will build up the city's volume of trade, and we know for a certainty that all of us can do something for Wilmington by accomplishing that purpose.

We've got the tools to do it with, if we will only go to work at the bellows. The tools are merchandise commodities and the newspapers to be the medium for letting it be known. This is our ante-New Year's greeting to the business men of Wilmington. We are on the threhsold of 1915, and we should start in it with efforts to brighten our prospects and make the most of our opportunities.

We should resolve not to be mossbacks but live "injuns", ready to jump into the ring with a whoop. We ought to keep our trigger fingers working and fire right ahead, if we wish everybody to know that there is a game and that we are right in it.

CAPTAIN PRESTON CUMMING.

The death of Captain Preston Cumming night before last, as chronicled in The Star yesterday morning, reminds us to say that not a one who knew him intimately could but regard him as their best friend. Personally that was the way we felt about it, and numerous persons we met yesterday invariably expressed themselves in the same way. Those who for years have received his always genial greeting, got from him words of cheer and hope, and always found him a wise, kind and charitable counselor and true friend, naturally feel that his death is a personal bereavement to them.

The truth is, Captain Cumming, to the greatest extent we ever knew of any man, was every man's friend. He loved mankind, and the humblest and the highest could count on his sincere interest and affection. His true heart was open to all comers and he never looked on the outside to bestow his friendship and good words. His life was typical of true Christianity. The spirit was there and the words and the deeds and the genuine charity which always characterized his life, won all who knew him.

He rejoiced in being good and kind to everybody. He was a man of fine attainments, extensive reading and splendid judgment, and in every way he was a man whose society was enjoyable and refreshing to all who came into his presence on business or incidentally. He was always the same, and in the grave in which they shall lay him today there will be only the mortal, for the friend of everybody has entered into the higher life.

THE EARLY BIRD.

Since nobody is likely to want to go to Europe to spend the next summer, New England is not losing any time in advertising her attractions for summer tourists. A publicity association at Boston is flooding the country with attractive publicity matter to catch the attention of vacationists. The South is not being overlooked as a field for getting tourists, and, as for that, the South does not forget New England during the summer, for tours to the charming New England region are growing more popular with Southerners every year.

The summer business pays New England, for it is announced that last year tourists spent $60,000,000 in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. That is the group of states which are advertising their attractions in the way of mountains, lakes, valleys, landscapes, seashore reserts, rivers, springs, woods and historic points as well.

The New England playground has fine hotels and other means of taking care of and entertaining guests, and now that tourists will be looking elsewhere for a summer vacation, New England is early in the field with the publicity that will get them.

WHERE IS OUR WOOLEN INDUSTRY?

With our woolen mills hard hit by their failure to get wool from Australia and other foreign wool growing countries, it is timely to ask why protection never built up the wool growing industry of America? Is it possible that it takes something else besides protection to establish industries? At any rate, the highest sort of protection is no guarantee that it will result in building up industries. With reference to the difficulties of our woolen mills, the Philadelphia Record says:

"Our woolen knitting mills are in the curious position of being unable to get from Australia wool from which to make articles that Great Britain is trying to buy. The lack of wool, however, is not the only trouble, and just at the moment it is not the serious one. Buying agents in New York say they have orders for 1,000,000 pairs of woolen gloves and 750,000 pairs of woolen socks which they can't place because most of the knitting mills are running night and day on old orders which will keep them busy till May. But the manufacturers are also shy about taking additional orders because they cannot be sure of getting more material till England shall lift the embargo on Australian wool, which certainly might be allowed to come here to fill contracts for the British government. On account of the shortage of wool European governments have consented to accept socks that are half wool and half cotton, but they only wish to pay $1.15 a dozen, and the market price is $1.35. With plenty of wool in Australia and London it is absurd to accept half-and-half socks because Americans can't get the wool."

There is another thing which has upset tariff theories. With a low tariff or no tariff on raw wool, the factories are able to get their wool to better advantage, and yet American wool is higher than it was with the benefit of protection. Why? Why, because the law of supply and demand operates in spite of tariff laws.

A NEW INDUSTRY SHARES ITS PROSPERITY

The Florida Metal Products Company is a twin of the Carolina Metal Products Company of Wilmington, and it is learned with gratification that the Jacksonville factory has been so prosperous that the concern on Christmas gave each employe a gift of ten per cent of his monthly pay. Everybody was remembered with a cash enclosure.

The Jacksonville Times-Union chronicles the above fact and goes on to say that the Florida Metal Products Company had to make two additions in 1914, the first made necessary early in the year and the other recently. The last addition was for the purpose of manufacturing turpentine stills and metal cups for catching crude turpentine. The latter is a new departure in addition to the company's other metal products output.

"November was the best in the history of the Jacksonville factory and the December business has shown an increase of 10 to 15 per cent over the last month's operations. We mention this to show how such enterprises can be made a success in this part of the country. There are others which we can start in the South and carry on just as successfully.

The New Year is a good time for Wilmington to take an industrial survey of itself, and add a number of industries to those established here during the past twelve months. Let us also look over all our factories with a view to encouraging them in enlarging their operations. A factory doubled is as good as a new factory started.

Some Democrats do everything to win and then set their own house afire before they play the winning game to the finish. Those are what the trust-breeding Republican party calls "fool Democrats". We have often heard a Republican say that if the Democrats win, they would depend on some "fool Democrat" to monkey with the frying pan and spill all the fat in the fire. It will be noticed that a few Democrats of that kind are right on the job, but Democrats with a good article of horse sense should ignore the fellow who does not know any better than to rock the boat. It must be remembered that there are always a lot of men who can be depended upon to hold both hands over the muzzel of the gun.

The best way to overcome business depression is to forget it and go after business.

A PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO PRESTON CUMMING.

He was Kind—more than that word usually means. He was courteous to a degree that few men are. He smiled, and he didn't care how mean you were, how utterly you despised yourself—he smiled and out of the fullness of his great, generous heart, he viewed you tolerantly and wished you well. There have been and are other men who compared with him in this respect, but they are and have been few. He was one of the best men who ever lived, and at least one who knew him will remember him always.

ONE WHO KNEW HIM.

CURRENT COMMENT.

There is no need to swear off Thursday night as the Legislature is expected to put it out of your reach anyway.—Durham Herald.

Probably 60 per cent of the tobacco crop has been marketed. This time last year 90 per cent had been sold. Many farmers are holding, thinking the price will be better after the holidays. Indications point to a largely decreased tobacco acreage in 1915. The folks are going in for bread and meat another year on a greatly enlarged scale.—Duplin (N. C.) Reporter

The Warsaw tobacco market closed for the Christmas holidays with a record of having sold about 2,750,000 pounds of the bright leaf at an average price of about 14 cents a pound. It has been stated that there remains about 250,000 pounds in the adjacent territory to be sold and this will make 1,000,000 pounds more this season than was sold last season.—Duplin Enterprise

For the first time in many years the question of the protection of the farmer from the dog is going to be brought seriously to the attention of the Legislature and demand made for relief. In recent years the farmers have turned their attention to the raising of livestock, and have made efforts at a revival of sheep husbandry. Their efforts have met with discouragement by reason of the depredations of stray dogs to such an extent that the demand for a dog law is this time coming from the farmers direct, and the Legislature will be given to understand that it is the farmers, themselves, that are asking for protection. They are going to make the Legislature look on the "yaller" dog question in a new light. A State dog law is on the way. Orange County has taken the lead. —Charlotte Observer.

Newspaper costs are little known to the general public. The average person cannot see why there should be much expense in collecting information, putting it in type, having the matter printed and then distributed. The Boston Post, in explaining why it must raise its advertising rates on March 1, 1915, throws light on the two items of ink and white paper that probably will amaze many persons. It says that in the first ten months of 1909 the ink and paper bill of The Post was $485, 295. For the same ten months of 1914 it was $1,007,118—an increase of $521,823. Part of this increase is ascribable to rise in cost of white paper, and part to swell in circulation. A monthly ink and paper bill of more than $100.000 means a daily expenditure of more than $3,000. —Commerce and Finance.

Saturday, Jan. 2nd.

All deposits made with that strong old bank on corner of Front and Princess streets draws interest from January 1st. This is the next regular Interest Quarter of The People's Savings Bank. (advertisement)-2t

Have you joined the 1915 Savings Club at the American National Bank? (Advertisement) tf

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Xmas Is Nearly Here

Have you found all that you need for Xmas? We have a few things left to interest you:

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Hand-Painted Xmas Cards, Calendars, Etc.

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That's the position our store holds today—a position gained only by a broad policy of Honest Merchandise and Fair Dealings.

Never a misrepresentation of Values!

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This is the guiding principle of this establishment.

A quality-retaining stock, priced on a customer-retaining basis.

The sweetness of low prices seldom equals the bitterness of poor quality.

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THE MISSION PHARMACY.

CUT PRICES

We may Cut the Prices, But Never the Quality on our Clean, Live, Smooth Casting. Grate Bars. Pinions. Gears. Columns, and All Classes made for Builders, Water Works, Street Drains, Etc.

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"THE IRON MEN."

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$47.05 TO HAVANA AND RETURN

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Thence Steamer to Havana.

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Tickets on Sale January 7th, limited to return January 25th, 1915.

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For any detail information, write to F. M. JOLLY, Traffic Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

Via the Atlantic Coast Line:

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Everybody Reads the Star Business Locals

MANY CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Wilmington Sunday Schools Are Observing the Spirit of the Yuletide Season This Week.

A feature of the week following Christmas in Wilmington are the Christmas trees and entertainments by the different Sunday schools of the city. These are always happy occasions for the children as well as for the adults, for there is nothing that makes your normal man or woman happier than to see the little ones enjoy themselves. Then, too, the exercises serve to inculcate the lessons that the Yuletide season should bring.

Many of the Sunday schools have already had their exercises, while others will give theirs tonight or tomorrow night.

The First Baptist Sunday school will have an entertainment at the church tonight at 8 o'clock and the Christmas exercises of Calvary Baptist church will be held next Sunday night.

The Sixth Street Advent Christian church will have its annual Christmas entertainment on Thursday night when there will be a handsome tree and interesting exercises by the children of the Sunday School. After the Christmas exercises the congregation will remain at the church for an impressive watch night service, awaiting the coming of the New Year. An orchestra has been secured for the evening and the public is cordially invited to be present.

The Sunday school of Immanuel Presbyterian church will have its Christmas entertainment Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. There will be an interesting and enjoyable programme by the children. The public is invited.

St. Paul's Episcopal.

A feature of the Christmas tree and entertainment at St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner 16th and Market streets, last night was a series of stereopticon scenes illustrating the story of the birth of Christ, under the supervision of Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. He was ably assisted by Mr. Benjamin Donham, who operated the lantern while Mr. Cox read the scripture selections, describing each scene as it was flashed upon the screen.

When the scene illustrating the coming of the angel of the Lord was flashed upon the screen, Miss Ella McCarley dressed as an angel, appeared in the chancel and gave the scripture selection. The singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," which were thrown on the screen before the audience, was an inspiring feature of the exercises. This part of the programme was closed with the picture of "The Nativity" and the singing of "Silent Night."

Another impressive part of the service was a tableau scene, arranged by Miss Eliza Meares, showing the stable and manger.

Following the exercises the children received bountiful gifts of fruits and candy. Mr. R. E. Tapp, the superintendent of the Sunday school, presided at the exercises and was ably assisted by Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr. There was a large attendance.

The First Presbyterian.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the First Presbyterian church was held last night in Chadbourn Memorial hall, an annex of the church, and was largely attended by the children and their parents. There was a most excellent programme rendered following which the children received their presents. A large stage had been built and upon it had been placed a handsome Christmas tree, beautifully decorated. The hall was also attractively decorated for the occasion.

St. Andrew's Sunday School.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was given last night in Memorial Hall and was attended by a large audience. Exercises appropriate to the Yuletide season were given and then the presents were distributed. There was a beautiful Christmas tree.

St. Matthew's Lutheran.

The Christmas exercises of St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, were very largely attended and were most heartily enjoyed. The tree was beautiful and the gifts for the children appropriate to the season and in great bounty. The interior of the church was appropriately decorated and the scene was an inspiring one.

The programme was opened with a processional, "The New Born King," after which there was the formal opening service of the Sunday school, the Psalm, Creed and Prayer. After a scripture reading by the popular pastor, the Rev. G. W. McClanahan, "Silent Night", was sung and then followed two interesting recitations or readings, "Story So Dear," by Margaret Branch, and "Christmas Comes for All," by Gertrude George. Next followed a hymn, "Joy to the World," and hymns and verses by the primary class, "Luther Cradle Hymn," Next came a recitation, "Our Christmas," by Marie Keels, and an exercise by six boys, "Praises to Jesus". This was followed by a hymn, "Come Hither Ye Faithful," and a reading, "No Room for Jesus," by Lucile Darden. "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," was the subject of a sweet little song by the pupils of Miss Miller's class in the Sunday school, this immediately preceding recitations, "The Child and King," by Arline Rich, and "At Christmas Time," by Lizzie George. Beulah Huggins gave the reading, "The Christmas Story," which was well rendered and after the singing of "It Came Upon This Midnight Clear," Rev. Mr. McClanahan made a brief but very pretty little Christmas address.

An offering was next received and after this the distribution of gifts was made from the platform, this feature appealing especially to the young folks assembled in great numbers.

With the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and the Lord's prayer, the benediction was pronounced and thus came to a close one of the most enjoyable affairs at the church in a long time.

Useful Calendars.

Among the very useful calendars that have come to The Star office for the new year 1915 are those of the Coca-Cola Bottling Works, a handsome design; the old and serviceable Atlantic Coast Line calendar, with large figures and ideal for the office; the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, equally as useful for the business office, and an exceptionally handsome art calendar from Thos. F. Wood, Inc., ship chandlers, grocers and general contractors. The art piece is a handsome steel engraving of a modern dreadnought and presents a decidedly attractive and timely appearance.

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TRUCKERS HAVE MEETING

Plans for Perfecting County Organization Discussed at Conference Yesterday Afternoon.

Plans for perfecting a county cooperative organization of truckers were discussed at a conference of representative truck growers held in the grand jury room at the Court House yesterday afternoon. It had been planned at this time to hold a meeting of the directors, one from each of the seven local organizations in New Hanover county, but on account of the inclement weather last Saturday it was not possible to have meetings as had been planned and the meeting of the directors was postponed for a week and will be held in the Court House next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, presided over the meeting yesterday afternoon. Everyone present was enthusiastic over the progress that has been made. It is felt that the biggest part of the work has been done and that by the time the new trucking season opens the truckers will be so organized that there will be a much wider distribution of produce in the different markets and better prices received as a consequence.

It is felt that the success achieved by the Wrightsboro association, which has been in existence for several years, will be a material aid in perfecting the organization. This has demonstrated the many benefits that can be secured by the truckers working together, even though it is confined to a small district. It began with only 20 members and it was three years before it finally reached the stage where it included practically all the truckers in the Wrightsboro section.

The present plan, which after mature deliberation is believed to be the most practicable, is to have seven local organizations in the county, each of the type of the Wrightsboro association, and to have each local associations elect one of a board of seven directors. It shall be the duty of these directors to secure a sales agent, who will devote his entire time to looking for markets for produce and to consign shipments to the points where the best prices can be received. He will be responsible to the board of directors. Each local association will have regular meetings to discuss matters of local interest. Whenever it is deemed necessary there will also be meetings of the county organization. It is believed that this has great possibilities and that it will mean the saving of many hundreds of dollars to the truckers.

The entire trucking business of the county annually amounts to more than a million dollars and with sufficient market facilities could be greatly increased. One of the first things that will be undertaken by the truckers will be to secure information relative to markets such as Pittsburg, Buffalo, N. Y., Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio, that have not heretofore been supplied with lettuce from this section except through the New York and Philadelphia dealers.

Prof. W. R. Camp, head of the division of markets of the State Department of Agriculture, has offered to aid in this work and it is expected that his department will be able to secure valuable information for the truckers. Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, editor of the Carolina Fruit Growers and Truckers' Journal, stated yesterday at the conference that he is planning to secure extensive data, regarding the different markets. He was one of the first in this county to advocate a wider distribution of the produce grown in this county.

HELD FOR BURGLARY

George Mintz, Orphan Boy, Sent to Jail Without Bond to Await Trial

George Mintz, an orphan boy, alleged to have entered the home of Mr. John R. Chadwick, No. 1315 South Third street, on Wednesday of last week, had a preliminary hearing before Justice Harriss yesterday and was held for the next term of Superior court without bond on a charge of burglary in the first degree. This is a capital offense in this State. The boy is alleged to have entered the home and have stolen a watch and a Christmas cake while it was occupied by Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Lloyd Memory.

Interfering With Funeral Procession.

The Star has been asked to call attention to the fact that there is a city ordinance prohibiting vehicles from passing through a funeral procession when it is crossing at the intersection of streets. There have been some who have forgotten this and sometimes confuture will be thoughtless enough not like these it is hoped that no one in the future will be thoughtless enough to to stop to wait for a funeral procession to pass.

Meeting of Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood of Immanuel Presbyterian church, which meets every Tuesday evening, held an enjoyable meeting at the church last night which was largely attended. There was an interesting discussion of the place that the church occupies in modern social life and of other subjects of current interest.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The regular weekly meeting of the City Council will be held at 10 o'clock this morning. It is not expected that any matters of very general interest will engage the session.

—The Lassiter-McDuffie Co., is sening out to the trade a very handsome calendar for the New Year, advertising their famous line of Hudson and Overland cars.

—Probable cause was found yesterday by Justice Harriss in a case against Walter Thomas, colored, charged with an assault on a female. He will have a hearing before the Recorder this morning. He went to jail in default of bond.

—By deed filed for record yesterday T. D. Piner and wife transfer to Jacob Horowitz, for $100 and other considerations, property on east side of Anderson, 264 feet south of Gwynn street, 33x90 feet in size.

—Arrests by the police for the calendar year ending tomorrow night will run in excess of 2,000 against 1,827 during the year 1913. Arrests for drunkenness during the recent holidays were much smaller than usual, but the general average in number of offenders each month during the year was maintained, from the police reports.

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FILMDOM'S GREATEST THRILLER! "The Master Key" —Bijou today. Advertisement.

COMMITTEE FROM RICHMOND

People of Virginia Capital Interested In Consecration of Bishop-Elect Darst Here

Referring to the forthcoming consecration of the Rev. Dr. Thos. C. Darst, as Bishop of the East Carolina Diocese, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this city, on January 6th, the Richmond Virginian says that Richmond will be represented at the consecration by a committee from Dr. Darst's present parish, consisting of Messrs. James Cargie and E. H. Funston and Dr. J. N. Upshur.

In a lengthy article with reference to the consecration, the Virginian further says:

"Rev. C. A. Ashby, secretary of the standing committee of the diocese, has just received word from Rt. Rev. D. S. Tuttle, of Missouri, presiding Bishop, that he has taken orders for the consecration of Bishop-elect Darst.

"The consecrators will be Bishop Tuttle, Bishop Cheshire, of North Carolina, and Bishop R. A. Gibson; presenters, Bishop Beverly D. Tucker, of Southern Virginia, and Bishop Guerry, of South Carolina. Preacher, Bishop Gravat, Bishop Coadjutor of West Virginia. Attending Presbyters, Revs. J. M. Robeson, of Millwood, Va., and C. Aylett Ashby, of Elizabeth City, N. C., Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. W. H. Milton, of Wilmington, N. C.

"Bishop Tuttle, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal church, expects to attend, and it is hoped that a mass meeting for men can be arranged for the night before the consecration to be addressed by Bishop Tuttle Bishop Tuttle is one of the great speakers of the country, and it is felt that this opportunity of hearing him should be availed of.

"All the clergy of the diocese of East Carolina are preparing to attend the consecration of Dr. Darst, and many of the laity will be there, as well as friends and those interested in other dioceses. St. James' Church Wilmington, is making plans to entertain any crowd that may attend.

"While complete arrangements have not been made, it is expected a number of Bishop-elect Darst's friends in Richmond will go to Wilmington to be present at the consecration services. Dr. Darst has not yet decided upon the exact day of his departure, but in all likelihood it will be on January 4th."

FUNERAL OF MRS. WALTON

Many Attend Services at Residence Yesterday Afternoon

The funeral of Mrs. Frances A. Walton, who died at her home Monday afternoon, was conducted from the residence, No. 619 Castle street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. F. King, pastor of Sixth Street Advent Christian church. The services were attended by many friends. The remains were borne tenderly to Bellevue cemetery for interment. The grave was covered with a profusion of floral designs.

The pallbearers were. Honorary, Dr. C. P. Bolles and Mr. James M. Hall; active, Messrs. J. E. Sharp, A. J. Burriss, J. E. Walton, R. P. McClammy, J. W. Costin and S. J. Bryan.

FUNERAL OF MARION THORP

Sad Service Conducted from Residence of Parents Yesterday

Attended by many sorrowing friends the funeral of young Marion Thorp, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thorp, who died at the James Walker Hospital Sunday morning of a gunshot wound, accidentally inflicted by a companion at Sunset Park, was held from the residence of the parents, No. 416 Castle street, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. T. P. Noe conducted the services. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. J. Greenwall, B. J. Lane, Jr., R. L. Squires, H. O. Sullivan, G. Rowan and L. F. Lane.

CLOUDY AGAIN TODAY.

Sun Seen for Short While Yesterday But Quickly Hidden.

Cloudy and colder today and tomorrow is the forecast handed out by the Weather Man. The sun came forth from his hiding place for a short time yesterday but was quickly hidden behind heavy clouds and will doubtless be seen no more for the next week. It was much warmer yesterday, but temperatures will drop considerably. There were numerous showers yesterday morning.

Storm warnings were sent out yesterday along the Atlantic coast from Florida to Maine and high winds are promised for today. With the exception of a snow Wilmington has now had all the different kinds of weather and it is freely predicted that there will yet be snow this week.

To Close Public Library

The Wilmington Public Library will be closed on Friday, this being New Year's day. It will remain open tomorrow as usual.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. L. J. Cauthern, night clerk at the Hotel Wilmington, is visiting relatives at Dillon, S. C.

—Messrs. E. M. Toon and J. T. McKenzie, of Whiteville, were among yesterday's guests at the Orton.

—Mr. J. H. Mitchell returned last night from Spring Hope, where he spent the Christmas holidays with his mother.

—Messrs. H. G. Stubbs and J. D. McQueen, of Fairmont, were among the business visitors to the city yesterday, guests at the Orton.

—Mr. R. C. Gresham, proprietor of the Hotel Wilmington, returned yesterday from Spartanburg, S. C., where he spent the Christmas holidays.

—Included in the arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were C. S. Andrews, Raleigh; Jno. W. Ward, Rowland; J. C. Meekins, Jr., Washington, N. C.; R. A. Braddock, and Clifford Frazier, Greensboro; James Bowen, Bolton.

—Mr. O. L. Long, day clerk at the Hotel Wilmington, has resumed his duties after having been at his home at Whiteville for several weeks on account of illness. Mr. R. L. Thomson, of Spartanburg, S. C., has been acting day clerk during his absence.

—Hon. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, spent yesterday in the city on a business trip. He says the people of Columbus are entering the new year with hope and that the outlook should be encouraging for that fine old county, which has already learned in part its lesson of diversification of crops.

"THE MASTER KEY"

Second chapter is a Thriller.—Advertisement.

RAFFLE BOARDS UNDER BAN

Warrants Served by Police Department on Wilmington Merchants for Alleged Violation of Law.

The ban has been placed by the Wilmington police upon raffle boards which during the Christmas season are especially popular in drug stores, cigar stores and cafes, and yesterday warrants were served upon a dozen Wilmington merchants charging them with violating the law in that the punch boards, as they are known in common parlance, are alleged to be games of chance and as such are defined as gambling devices.

A warrant was served upon Mr. C. L. Myers Monday night charging him with running a raffle and he appeared before the Recorder yesterday for the hearing but it was postponed until January 18th, when it is probable that all the cases will be called.

Warrants were issued for the following yesterday: Frank Shepard, Gleschen Bros., R. F. Warren, M. L. Starkey, M. D. Bright, H. L. Fentress, R. L. Reville, Fate Southerland, R. L. Burton, W. H. Hines and P. H. Rountree.

Chief of Police Williams stated yesterday that while the raffle board is a mild form of gambling it is gambling nevertheless in that while everyone who punches a board gets something yet there is a possibility of getting more than he pays for and in this is an element of gambling.

He said that he had received a number of complaints and that he had determined to stop the practice. Asked about things that are raffled off for charitable purposes, the Chief admitted that this, too, is gambling, just as much as if it is done by an individual.

Simultaneous with the starting of a crusade against raffle boards by the police, another one was inaugurated by Justice George Harriss against alleged professional gambling. Messrs. Bob Sneed, Pat Patterson and Dolly Southerland were arrested on warrants charging gambling, by Constable Davis, and each gave bond in the sum of $50 for his appearance before Justice Harriss today. The affidavits were signed by Mr. H. Mack Godwin. It is said that other arrests are likely.

FUNERAL OF MR. CUMMING

Will be Conducted at 3 O'clock This Afternoon from Church

The funeral of the late Mr. Preston Cumming will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Fourth Street Advent Christian church, corner Fourth and Church streets, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. The services will be by Rev. O. T. Mattox, pastor of the Fourth Street church, of which congregation Mr. Cumming was a leading and devoted member.

The hour for the funeral was decided upon yesterday when it was learned that Mr. Cumming's son, Preston Cumming, Jr., Esq., of New York, would reach here this morning on the 10 o'clock train from the North.

Everywhere yesterday there was expressions of deepest regret at the death of Mr. Cumming and hundreds of friends called at the home to pay their respects. Included in the number were many of Mr. Cumming's former comrades in arms during the War Between the States, who will today attend the obsequies at the church and acting as an escort to the grave in the cemetery.

BEFORE THE RECORDER

Frank Peterson, Colored, Sent to County Roads for 60 Days

Frank Peterson, colored, was sent to the county roads for 60 days yesterday by the Recorder in default of the payment of a fine of $10 and the cost for carrying concealed weapons. The negro was arrested by Plainclothesman Frank George and a charge of assaulting a colored woman but the State's witness failed to show up and this charge was nol prossed. When he was arrested the officer found a weapon on him commonly known as the blackjack, which consists of a small leather bag with a handful of shot at one end.

Dicksey Graham, colored, was charged with vagrancy but upon it being shown that for the last three weeks he has been employed at the Champion compress he was released.

DIED

Cumming—At his home in this city, No. 315 South Second street, Monday midnight, December 28th, Preston Cumming, in the 72nd. year of his age.

Funeral this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from Fourth Street Advent Christian church, Fourth and Campbell streets; interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. —Advertisement.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation to those dear friends, who were so kind to us in the hour of recent sorrow, when death removed a devoted life and a loving mother, in the passing of Mrs. H. W. Lancaster. We will always hold these kind friends in loving and grateful memory.

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E. J. FOX.
—Advertisement.

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—FULL STOCK FANCY AND HEAVY GROCERIES, ZINC BUCKETS, TUBS, WASH BOARDS, NAILS.
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Also Cabbage, Potatoes and Onions. Telephone 263.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Kate Northrop has as her guest Miss Miriam Parker, of Charlotte.

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Miss Elma Dove, of Rocky Mount, is a guest of the Misses Twining, of this city.

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Mr. John C. Slocumb has returned from Goldsboro where he spent the Christmas holidays at his former home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Branch, who have been visiting relatives in Richmond, Va., are expected to arrive home this morning.

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The Christmas entertainment of the First Baptist Sunday school will be given tonight at 8 o'clock. Everybody will be most cordially welcomed.

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The children of the Cantwell, Lord and Taylor dancing school will meet this afternoon as usual. The Christmas soiree will be held Saturday afternoon.

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The Atlanta Sunday American: "Mrs. Benjamin M. Jones, of Wilmington, N. C., has returned home, after spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. M. B. Dixon. Mrs. Jones was Miss Frances Dixon, of Atlanta, before her marriage."

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Baltimore, Dec. 27.—The friends of Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison, N. C., will be glad to know that she is rapidly recovering from the effects of an operation on her ears, this having been performed at Johns Hopkins Hospital on the 26th of December.

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Mr. L. W. Moore left last evening for Guilford College, N. C., to spend a few days with his parents. Mr. Moore's father has not been so well of late and it is for the purpose of being with him for a short while that he leaves tonight.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNorton have returned from East Arcadia, where they spent the holidays with relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. McNorton's brother, Mr. E. M. Daniel, of Sefner, Fla. Mr. Daniel will return home today.

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The public is invited to attend the The Dansant which will be given under the auspices of the King's Daughters at the Boys' Brigade armory Friday afternoon and evening. The children will be entertained in the afternoon while the evening will be for the adults. Refreshments will be served.

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Attractive invitations in colors have been mailed, reading as follows:

Wilmington Lodge B. P. O. Elks
request your presence at their
New Year's Reception
on the evening of
Thursday, December thirty-first, 1914,
from eight to eleven P. M.

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"The Tempjle of Moloch," an educational film, dealing with the methods of prevention of tuberculosis, will be shown at the Grand Theatre on the afternoon and evening of New Year's day. This is the only moving picture film that has been approved by the American Red Cross Society and the State Red Cross Commission this season and the president of the local chapter urges the public to see it.

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Wananish, N. C., Dec. 29.—Misses Agnes and Mary Council gave a delightful informal dance Friday evening from 8:30 to 11:30 in honor of their attractive guests, Misses Ethel Maultsby, of Whiteville, and May Gates, of Bolton. Refreshments were served. The out-of-town guests included Misses Ethel Maultsby, May Gates, Arline Barber, Annie Ashley and Mrs. Robert Troy, of Bolton; Messrs. Iris Norden and James Council, of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Council acted as chaperones.

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Fayetteville, N. C. Dec. 29—Invitations reading as follows have been issued:

Mrs. Alice Catherine Jessup
invites you to be present
at the marriage of her daughter
Alice McIver
to
Mr. Royall Dowd Jones
Thursday morning, the seventh of
January, nineteen hundred and
fifteen
First Presbyterian Church
Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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Mr. B. F. Weathersbee and Miss Effie Dudley, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Dudley, were married last evening at 6:45 o'clock at the manse of Immanuel Presbyterian church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Crowley. The wedding was a great surprise to their many friends in Wilmington and only a few knew that it was to take place so soon. Mrs. Weathersbee is well known in the city and elsewhere and has many friends. The groom holds a position with the Atlantic Coast Line. They will reside at No. 504 South Third street.

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MRS. HOMER L. LYON AT HOME IN HONOR OF GUEST.

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Homer L. Lyon was hostess last Wednesday afternoon at a charming At Home given in honor of her guest, Miss Alice Hawthorne Sneesby, of Chicago. Progressive Rook was the game for the afternoon, and the prize was won by Miss Margaret High, who gracefully presented it to the honor guest.

After the contest a delightful salad course was served in the dining room. The guests invited to meet Miss Sneesby were Misses Lucy Beers Powell, Pauline Toon, Edith Allen, Margaret High, Margaret Baldwin, Kathleen Baldwin, Alma Maultsby, Mamie Smith, Annie Memory, Ethel Maultsby, Luola High, Annie Lewis, Maude Richardson and Mrs. Robert Jackson Powell.

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MRS. GEORGE GREEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 29.—Mrs. George Green, wife of the secretary of the chamber of commerce of this city, was seriously injured in Washington, D. C., a few days ago, but may possibly be able to return to Newbern this week. Mrs. Green had gone to the capital city to represent the Kinston union of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the hearing of the Hobson resolution in regard to national prohibition. On the day before the resolution came up for a hearing Mrs. Green slipped on the ice-covered streets near the Capitol building and seriously injured her spine. She was given medical treatment at once and late reports from her bedside are most encouraging. Mrs. Green is one of the best known "white ribboners" in the State and much interest is being manifested in her recovery.

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The following from yesterday's Baltimore Sun will be read with interest by many friends of Mr. Walters here: "With $550 in hand, and grocery store collections to be heard from, the Ten-Cent Babies' Milk Fund, inaugurated by Mrs. Frank Atwater Ward, 208 East Biddle street, is receiving congratulations from the Belgian relief committees of many states. This effort to save the lives of the babies has had such a strong appeal that the plan is to be inaugurated into the national relief campaign. Another important development was the receipt of a telegraph order by the Maryland relief committee for $500 from Henry Walters, Baltimore art collector and financier. The telegram came from Wilmington, N. C."

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PLAN CELEBRATION OF LEE'S BIRTHDAY

The joint committee from Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, now that the holidays are over, are bending their efforts towards the arrangements for the annual celebration of Lee's birthday in Wilmington on January 19th. Several have been suggested as the orator of the occasion but no definite announcement will be made for some days yet. There will be the usual dinner to the veterans and this will be given this year at the W. L. I. armory.

A meeting of the joint commitee was held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the arrangements were generally discused Those present were Mesdames J. G. Kenan, T. E. Sprunt, John Thames and Gabriel Holmes; Capt. James I. Metts, commander, and Adjutant L. Leon, of the camp.

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L'ARIOSO'S CHRISTMAS GERMAN AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

There will be much social interest in the announcement elsewhere in today's paper that a change in the plans of L'Arioso German Club has been made whereby the Christmas dance will be given at the Cape Fear Country Club, instead of in the dining room of The Orton, as previously announced. This is for the reason that the floor at The Orton was found unsatisfactory for dancing and it was decided best to hold the dance at the Country Club. All members of the Club as well as invited guests are asked to bear the change in mind.

Special cars will be provided by the Club, leaving Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 9:00 and 9:30 P. M. These, of course, will be in addition to the regular cars leaving the junction at 8:15, 9:15 and 10:15 P. M. Returning, the special cars will leave at convenient intervals.

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POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE PLIGHT THEIR TROTH HERE

Of interest to a great many of their friends here and elsewhere will be the announcement of the marriage of Mr. Robert Leonidas Davis, of Lynchburg, Va., and Miss Myrtle E. D'Orange, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. D'Orange, No. 702 South Front street, this city, which was solemnized at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of Immanuel Presbyterian church, the Rev. J. S. Crowley, the pastor, officiating.

The ceremony was quiet, but withal very pretty and impressive and was witnessed by only relatives and a few very intimate friends, who joined in happiest felicitations to the young people. The groom was attended as best man by his brother, Mr. Kenneth Davis, while the bride was attended as maid of honor by Miss Mary Davis, sister of the groom.

The bride is the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. D'Orange and has a host of friends and admirers in Wilmington. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis, of this city, but for the past several months has been employed in the Western Union Telegraph Co., offices in Lynchburg, Va. Both young people have a host of friends in Wilmington, the good wishes of whom go with them to their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis left last evening for Lynchburg where they will make their home in the future.

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J. B. SCHULKEN, JR., GIVES RECEPTION TO CLASS MATES

Whiteville, Dec, 29—What was undoubtedly the crowning social event of the holiday season here was the reception given last evening from 9:00 to 12:00 by James Bion Schulken, Jr., for Messrs. Shepard and Robert Bryan, of Scotts Hill, N. C., and Manuel Quevedo, of Havana, Cuba, class mates of young Mr. Schulken at the University of North Carolina.

The hallway, reception rooms and dining room were attractively decorated with the class colors. The guests were ushered from the cloak rooms to the reception room by Mr. Joe Schulken and Mrs. Jesse K. Council, and presented to the receiving line composed of Mrs. Thomas C. Johnston, Mrs. J. B. Schulken, the host and the honor guests. Punch was dispensed by Misses Margaret Crowell and Virginia Smith. Progressive rook was the game for the evening, and the prize a five pound box of chocolates was awarded to Miss Annie Reade Lewis, she winning the cut with Mrs. R. B. Whitaker. After the game a delightful salad course was served by Mesdames Thomas C. Johnston and Jesse K. Council. Added to the many pleasant features of the evening was the rendition of a number of vocal selections by Messrs. W. M. Lumsden, L. S. Burkhead, R. M. Lewis and V. V. Richardson.

Enjoying Mr. Schulken's hospitality were Mesdames Richard B. Whitaker, Thomas C. Johnston, Jesse K. Council, Misses May and Lois Formy-Duval, Margaret High, Edith Allen, Margaret Crowell, Mary Lou Powell, Grace Lumsden, Annie Memory, Bessie Baldwin, Annie Watters and Virginia Smith; Messrs. Walter H. Powell, Richard M. Lewis, V. V. Richardson, Lingurn S. Burkhead, W. M. Lumsden, Maxwell T. Moyers, Thurston Formy-Duval, Josiah A. Maultsby, Jr., J. Elbert Thompson, Morrison Formy Duval, Rone H. Lewis and Martin H. Schulken.

MAKES YEARLY REPORT

Mr. J. P. Herring Submits Annual Report to Government

Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, has forwarded a resume of the work that he has done during the past year along with other interesting data relation to agricultural conditions in New Hanover county to Mr. C. R. Hudson, who has charge of the agricultural demonstration work for the government in this State. Mr. Herring's report shows that he has been able to accomplish a great deal towards the betterment of farming conditions in this county.

During the year he made 962 visits to the farms of the county. There were 62 demonstrations plots. The average yield of corn for men wos 43 bushels at a cost of 14 cents a bushel while the average yield for the boys was 44 bushels at a cost of 43 1-2 cents a bushel. There were 38 boys enrolled in the Boy's Corn Club.

The acreage for hay crops was as follows. Crimson clover, 75; vetch, 200; rye, 210; oats, 615.

We Will Expect You

To make a deposit at The People's Savings Bank on January 2nd. You know this is their next Regular Interest Quarter and the beginning of the New Year. (advertisement)-2t

"THE MASTER KEY"

Second chapter is a Thriller.—Advertisement.

Did you get a gold coin for a Christmas present? If so, deposit it in The People's Savings Bank. Their regular Interest Quarter begins January 1st, 1915. (advertisement)-2t

Remember the The Dansant New Year's afternoon and evening.
(Advertisement.)

MEETING OF STEWARDS

Fix Salary of Presiding Elder and Assessments for Churches

Meeting of the district stewards of the Wilmington district of the Methodist church was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock in Grace church. Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, presided at the meeting and Mr. B. C. Moore, of this city, was secretary. Practically every church in the district was represented.

The salary of the presiding elder was fixed at approximately the same amount as last year and the assessments for the different churches were apportioned. There were no other matters that received attention.

Have you made your engagement for The Dansant at the Boys' Brigade armory New Year's? (advertisement.)

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NOTICE

This is to advise the members and invited guests of the L'Ariosa German Club that the Xmas Dance will take place this evening at the Cape Fear Country Club. Special cars will leave Front and Princess 8:30, 9:00 and 9:30 P. M.

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"Ruth!" He Cried, "Come to Me!"

He Saw Her Turn Towards Him, Balance Herself in the Swaying Car, and Lift Up Her Arms. He Stretched His Own Down, and, as the Mass of Steel and Ore Dashed Under Him, Caught Her Up.

He Did Not Hear the Crash That Followed.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET REACTIONARY

Tendency Inspired by Predictions That Spot Demand Would Slacken After New Year.

New York, Dec. 29.—Cotton showed a reactionary tendency today as a result of realizing, and predictions that the filing of December export engagements would be followed by a lull in the spot demand. The close was steady net unchanged to four points lower.

The opening was firm at an advance of 1 to b points, and active months sold about 5 to 6 points net higher during the early trading on a renewal of buying. Liverpool did not fully respond to the local advances of the previous day, but the cables made a fairly steady showing, and at the start there appeared to be some further buying for foreign accounts. Offerings increased on the advance, which carried the active months into new high ground for the movement and the market soon turned easier.

Reports of freer spot offerings from Eastern sections of the belt and some scattered selling for Southern account made the market rather nervous and unsettled during the early afternoon, when active months worked some 7 to 8 points under the closing figures of last night. The decline was checked by covering of renewed investment buying.

It was reported that shippers of a cotton cargo of about 10,000 bales expected to clear from here for Bremen tonight, intend to sell it upon its arrival in Germany. According to last accounts, American middling is bringing about 22 cents a pound in the Bremen market.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 7.80; no sales. Cotton futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	7.62
Mar	7.82	7.88	7.75	7.81
May	8.01	8.07	7.93	8.01
July	8.22	8.26	8.12	8.20
Oct	8.48	8.48	8.36	8.41

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 13,339; exports, 4,896; sales, 1,445; stock, 251,892.

Galveston—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 25,268; exports, 10,495; sales, 1,735; stock, 467,377.

Mobile—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 763; stock, 51,328.

Savannah — Middling, 7¾; receipts, 29,306; exports, 6,397; sales, 1,438; stock, 303,242.

Charleston—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 2,002; stock, 138,014.

Wilmington—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 3,084; stock, 50,094.

Texas City—Receipts, 7,631.

Norfolk—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 2,860; sales, 1,108; stock, 66,415.

Baltimore—Middling, 7¾; stock, 4,020.

Boston—Middling, 7.80; exports, 300; stock, 5,000.

Philadelphia — Middling, 8.05; receipts, 3; stock, 5,630.

New York—Middling, 7.80; receipts, 61; stock, 87,903.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 553; stock, 86,075.

Total today—Receipts, 108,114; exports, 23,788; stock, 1,619,990.

Total for week—Receipts, 212,030; exports, 50,322.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,551,902; exports, 2,377,379.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7 11-16; receipts, 23,683; shipments, 19,662; sales, 5,512; stock, 185,905.

Memphis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 3,504; shipments, 4,896; sales, 2,600; stock, 171,838.

Augusta—Middling, 7½; receipts, 4,908; shipments, 2,211; sales, 2,033; stock, 160,669.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 1,479; shipments, 1,225; sales, 304; stock, 32,358.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 3,437; shipments, 3,727; stock, 3,341.

Little Rock—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 1,729; shipments, 567; stock, 54,234.

Dallas—Middling, 7¼; sales, 4,907.

Total today—Receipts, 38,440; shipments, 32,288; stock, 702,845.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 29. — Spot cotton, quiet; prices firm; American middling fair, 5.50; good middling, 4.85; middling, 4.85; middling, 4.61; low middling, 4.14; good ordinary, 3.52; ordinary, 3.07.

Sales, 6,000 bales, including 5,600 American and 600 for speculation and export.

Receipts, 122,000 bales, including 116,200 American.

Futures closed quiet and steady. May-June, 4.36; July-August, 4.43; October-November, 4.54½; January-February, 4.60.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 29.—Cotton seed oil was easier at first today, owing to weakness in lard and professional selling, but it later rallied in absence of hedge pressure, closing unchanged to four points higher. Crude oil was very steady and there were no tenders reported. Sales, 8,600 barrels.

The market closed steady. Spot, 5.78@6.00; January, 5.79@5.81; February, 5.96@6.00; March, 6.10@6.12; April, 6.22@6.25; May, 6.38@6.40; June, 6.45@6.55; July, 6.60@6.62.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 29.—Turpentine, firm, 41¾; sales, 253; receipts, 3.28; shipments, 1.61; stocks, 35,992.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, none; receipts, 4,125; shipments, 297; stocks, 150,283. Quote: A, B, 3.07½; C, D, 3.12½; E, F, 3.15; G, 3.17½; H, 3.20; I, 3.50; K, 4.00; M, 4.50; N, 5.50; W G, and W W, 5.75.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 29.—Cotton goods markets were quiet and steady today. Yarns were quiet. Export trade was quiet, with prices very firm. Laces and embroideries were dull.

Did you get a gold coin for a Christmas present? If so, deposit it in The People's Savings Bank. Their regular Interest Quarter begins January 1st, 1915. (advertisement)-2t

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EXPORTS OFFSET EXCITEMENT

Wheat Market Closed at an Advance, Despite Demand of America Upon Great Britain.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fresh wheat export business on a liberal scale more than offset today the disturbing influence of differences with Great Britain about American shipping. After rallying from a sharp decline, prices closed unsettled, but ⅝ to 1 cent above last night.

Corn gained ¾ to 1 cent net, and oats ¼ to 7/8c. In provisions the outcome was a drop of 2½ to 10 cents.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat—December, 127⅝; May, 129¾.

Corn—December, 67⅝; May, 73¾.

Oats—December, 49Z; May, 54.

Pork—January, 18.55; May, 19.12.

Lard—January, 10.40; May, 10.60.

Ribs—January, 10.15; May, 10.50.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.24&@1.27⅝; No. 2, hard, 125¼@127⅞.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 66⅝@67¾.

Oats—Standard, 50@50½.

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Hermia (Br.), 1,305 tons, Leslie, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Newstead (Br.), 1,827 tons, Willett, Henry Whyte.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. William Thomas Moore, 263 tons, Jones, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 510 tons, Wiley, C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

Star Office, Dec. 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR — Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41½; rosin, firm, $3.50; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	2
Tar	100
Crude Turpentine	8

Receipts same day last year, spirits turpentine, 16 casks; rosin, 152 barrels; tar, 38 barrels; crude turpentine, 13 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7¼c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 349 bales; same day last year, 402 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 88,042 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 308,188 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 29.

Atlantic Coast Line—863 bales cotton; 29 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—6 bales cotton; 2 barrels rosin; 71 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—869 bales cotton; 2 barrels rosin; 100 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 19)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 60@65c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $3.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 25c; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 25c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Monday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 65c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5¼c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 25c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 28. — Spanish—Farmers' stock, market quiet, 90c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock, market firm. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb.; Fancy hand-picked, 3¼c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3c. to 3 c. per lb.; Shelling stock, 2¾c. to 2¾c. per lb.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, stronger; new crop, fancy, hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 70c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts — Weaker. New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy, hand picked, 60c.; No. 1, machine picked, 50c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

PROTEST CAUSES BREAK

War Conditions Effect Stock Market, Increase Checked by Demand Upon England.

New York, Dec. 29.—More than at any time since the renewal of business on the Stock Exchange today's market was governed by conditions growing out of the war. The administration's protest to England against detention of American marine commerce caused an abrupt halt in the advance in prices which was in full swing at the previous day's close. Wall Street viewed the subject from various angles and the general opinion seamed to be a new and significant development had been projected into the international situation. The market opened with its accustomed irregularity, leading stocks evincing heaviness with a few gains among unimportant issues. From that level a rally ensued, the recovery in a few instances restoring stocks to the preceding day's best. Before midday the list fell back again and for the balance of the session no important changes were recorded. Dealings showed a marked decrease compared with recent full sessions.

Another decline in exchange on London to the lowest price in almost 16 months gave rise to some discussion of gold imports. Bankers were unanimous in declaring that this market cannot hope to get gold from London by a return of some of the old gold shipped to Ottawa in the early stages of the war is within the range of probability. Time money was quotably unchanged.

More favorable railroad statements for November were submitted, that of the Canadian Pacific showing a net decrease of $2,244,000 with a loss of $308,000 for Union Pacific and $205,000 for Illinois Central.

Bonds were irregular, verging toward weakness in some of the low priced issues. Total sales, par value, aggregated $1,085,000. There were minor advances in all issues of government bonds on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	51⅜
American Agricultural	48
American Can	25⅜
American Car and Foundry	44
American Cities, pfd	offered. 59½
American Cotton Oil	B. 38½
American Smelting	55
American Snuff	155
American Sugar	B.103
American Tel and Tel	118
American Tobacco	217½
Atchison	92½
Atlantic Coast Line	offered. 99
Baltimore and Ohio	68½
Canadian Pacific	154⅜
Central Leather	36⅞
Chesapeake and Ohio	40*
Chicago, Miu. and St. Paul	88
Erie	21⅜
General Electric	113⅜
Great Northern, pfd	138*
Illinois Central	Bid.107
Interborough Met., pfd	50⅜
Kansas City Southern	Bid. 21
Lehigh Valley	129⅜
Louisville and Nashville	115
Liggett and Myers	Bid.204
Lorillard Co	offered.165
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	8¼
Missouri Pacific	9⅞
Mexican Petroleum	53
New York Central	83⅝
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	54⅞
Norfolk and Western	Bid. 98½
Northern Pacific	99⅜
Pennsylvania	104⅝
Reading	143⅜
Rep. Iron and Steel	Bid. 18
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	75½
Rock Island Co	⅜
Rock Island Co., pfd	1¼
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	Bid. 3
Seaboard Air Line	10⅜
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	23
Southern Pacific	82½
Southern Railway	144
Southern Railway, pfd	58
Tennessee Copper	31⅝
Texas Co	130
Texas and Pacific	11½
Union Pacific	116⅛
United States Steel	49
United States Steel, pfd	104½
Utah Copper	49
Virginia-Caro. Chem	offered. 17
Western Union	57⅞

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Hogs, weak. Bulk 7.05@7.20; light, 6.80@7.20; mixed, 6.90@7.25; heavy, 6.85@7.25; rough, 6.85@6.95; pigs, 5.50@7.15.

Cattle—Weak. Native steers, 5.40@10.00; western, 5.10@8.00; cows and heifers, 3.10@8.20; calves, 7.50@10.00.

Sheep — Weak. Sheep, 5.75@6.70; yearlings, 6.80@7.75; lambs, 7.00@8.75.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 29.—Raw sugar, firmer; centrifugal, 4.08; molasses sugar, 3.36 to 3.42; refined, steady, changed.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Irregular, unchanged.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7¾; Santos, No. 4, 10 cents.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Under Heavy Selling Pressure But Market Showed Recuperative Powers

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—Although under rather heavy selling pressure at times the cotton market today showed good recuperative power and closed unchanged to one point down, compared with yesterday's close. In the afternoon the most active months were 7 to 9 points under the previous final figures as the result of selling which seemed to have been started by Liverpool. Many brokers said that English traders were the heaviest sellers of the season in this market.

In the morning the market had an upward tendency. The opening was two points a down but prices quickly advanced until they were 5 to 6 points up. Early in the sesion very little cotton was offered and moderate buying served to improve values.

Longs were disappointed over the small export movement this week foreign shipments totalling only 50,322 bales.

Spot cotton steady. Sales on the spot 870 bales; to arrive 870.

Cotton futures closing: January, 727; March 757; May 777; July 801; October 827.

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club cheerfully given by an officer of this bank. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 30, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 38 degrees; at 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 47 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .15; rainfall for the month, to date, 2.32 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday 34 feet and falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy and colder Wednesday and Thursday.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 30, 1914.

Sun rises	7:17 A. M.
Sun sets	5:12 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	8:32	8:45	3:20	4:01
Southport	6:22	6:44	12:10	1:02
Masonboro Inl	6:11	6:33	12:50	12:43

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 29, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	50	40	.0
Asheville	pt. cldy	54	34	.42
Atlanta	cldy	54	40	.88
Augusta	rain	60	42	.42
Birmingh.	clear	64	44	1.22
Birmingh.	clear	64	44	1.22
Boston	rain	34	26	.36
Charleston	rain	62	42	.12
Charlotte	rain	40	32	.60
Chicago	snow	38	34	.68
Galveston	clear	62	52	.40
Jacksonv.	rain	70	48	1.14
Memphis	cldy	50	42	.92
Mobile	clear	76	50	2.12
Montgom'y	clear	72	44	1.40
New Orl	clear	72	60	1.26
New York	cldy	36	30	.34
Oklahoma	—	—	32	.04
Palestine	clear	54	46	.01
Pittsburg	rain	50	32	.24
Raleigh	cldy	44	32	.20
Savannah	rain	60	42	.68
Shreveport	clear	58	48	.64
St. Louis	snow	40	36	.40
Washing'n	cldy	34	30	.52

COTTON GINNING FIGURES BY NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES

Ginning Report to December 13, 1914, and 1913, in Detail.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29. — Wm. J. Harris, director of the census, Department of Commerce, announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina for the crops of 1914 and 1913. The report was made public for the State at 10 A. M. on Monday, December 21. The amounts for the different counties for the crops of 1914 and 1913 are furnished for publication, quantities in running bales, counting round as half bales, linters not included, as follows:

County:	Crop— 1914.	1913.
Total	760,709	708,598
Alamance	872	1,263
Alexander	1,510	2,280
Anson	22,446	23067
Beaufort	9,293	7,477
Bertie	9,639	9,453
Bladen	9,202	6,879
Cabarrus	11,583	11,591
Camden	3,994	3,652
Carteret	1,418	1,317
Catawba	7,717	9,518
Chatham	6,810	7,943
Chowan	4,785	3,788
Cleveland	21,528	21,452
Columbus	9,459	8,128
Craven	5,112	4,461
Cumberland	22,077	17,491
Davidson	1,282	2,528
Davie	1,912	2,153
Duplin	10,083	9,306
Durham	777	1,259
Edgecombe	22,267	20,541
Franklin	11,964	12,721
Gaston	7,878	12,178
Gates	4,796	4,384
Granville	1,128	1,277
Greene	7,886	6,189
Halifax	26,640	24,694
Harnett	21,732	17,677
Hertford	4,129	3,485
Hoke	14,188	13,343
Iredell	9,109	13,233
Johnston	43,748	34,593
Jones	5,923	4,528
Lee	6,812	5,904
Lenoir	10,750	8,985
Lincoln	7,143	7,986
Martin	7,824	6,832
Mecklenburg	21,351	27,458
Montgom'y	4,449	4,651
Moore	3,438	3,632
Nash	23,092	22,780
Northampton	15,628	12,756
Onslow	4,820	3,431
Orange	901	1,523
Pamlica	5,833	3,802
Pasquotank	5,885	4,497
Pender	1,620	1,401
Perquimans	7,473	6,501
Pitt	16,600	16,194
Polk	1,268	1,675
Randolph	777	1,265
Richmond	15,515	13,028
Robeson	60,139	47,283
Rowan	7,370	9,220
Rutherford	10,595	9,517
Sampson	23,196	17,582
Scotland	30,950	24,884
Stanly	7,748	7,555
Tyrrell	1,012	968
Union	25,463	27,164
Vance	3,244	3,949
Wake	25,047	23,392
Warren	9,762	10,112
Washington	3,742	3,047
Wayne	30,625	23,916
Wilson	22,241	18,024
All other	2,913	1,829

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 29.—Mercantile paper 4@4½; Sterling exchange, steady, at declines; sixty day bills, 4.82; for cables, 4.8565; for demand, 4.85. Bar silver, 48¾. Mexican dollars, 37. Government bonds, strong. Railroad bonds, irregular.

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(From Youth's Companion.)

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R. E. Sumner, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk,
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In Effect October 12, 1914.

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.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:26 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
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6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:6 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a9:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
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4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
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6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 5:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. † 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 65. † 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:00 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:00 P.M.
No. 62. * 9:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 2:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 59. † 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60. †10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

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NO IMPORTANT CHANGES IN FOOTBALL RULES

Collegiate Athletic Association Against It.

Is Expected That Rules Committee Will Adopt Old Rules With Very Little Change in Friday's Meeting.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—There is little likelihood of any important change in the football rules for next season, according to indications today at the ninth annual convention of the collegiate athletic association. The football committee's report, presented by Dr. H. L. Williams, of Minnesota, suggested no material alterations and many of the college athletic authorities predicted that when the rules committee meets next Friday the 1914 rules will be re-adopted practically unchanged. Walter Camp, of Yale, attending the conference, discounted any idea of material amendment of the rules.

"The present rules have developed a game which allows full scope for individual excellence in the player,' he said. "They are well understood by the public, they are thoroughly understood by the players and the sporting writers have grasped every detail. Under those circumstances there seems to me to be no good reason for any material change."

The committee on football fatalities reported that only one of the 13 deaths accredited to the game in the past year was of a trained college player. The recommendation of the committee that It be discharged was regarded and instead the executive committee was empowered to consider extending the work of the fatalities committee to include deaths from all forms of sports so that a definite defense might be made against the charge that football is a brutal sport.

The convention decided to publish basketball and track rules and to formulate regulations for swimming meets.

An appreciation of the strides rugby football has made to popularity on the Pacific coast was contained in a paper from Dr. Frank Angell, chairman of the Leland Stanford Faculty Athletic committee.

Speakers before the conference emphasized the necessity of giving educational value to athletics and the advisability of extending athletic training to every student.

Reports from several districts where collegiate athletics have received much attention were presented, including those of representatives of the University of Virginia, University of Tennessee and Rice Institute.

TWO INTERNATIONAL CLUBS SEEKING HARRY WOLVERTON.

Believed That Richmond Wants Former Yankee Manager.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Two International League clubs, it became known here today, are seeking the services of Harry Wolverton, who managed the New York Americans in 1912. One is believed to be Richmond, Va., which is applying for a franchise. Wolverton was one of the owners of the Sacramento club in the Pacific Coast League last year.

CLEVELAND A. A. CLUB TO TRAIN AT THOMASVILLE.

Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 28.—The Cleveland American Association club will again do its spring training here in 1915. The local Georgia State league team officials received information today that the association club would spend three weeks here, beginning March 10th.

COLUMBIA RETAINS LEAD IN CHESS TOURNAMENT.

New York, Dec. 29.—Columbia retained its lead in the inter-collegiate chess tournament today by defeating Princeton 3 to 1 in the second round of the contest. Harvard defeated Yale 2 1-2 to 1 1-2. The standing is: Columbia 7; Harvard 4; Princeton 2 1-2; Yale 2 1-2.

GERMANY IN NO HURRY

For Representatives of Neutrals to Change Papers in Belgium.

Washington, December 29. — Germany is in no hurry to have cancelled the exequaturs held by neutral consuls in Belgian territory under German rule, State Departjment officials said today. The German note requesting the cancellation will be considered at length here before a decision is made.

It is generally understood the United States will avoid any action which might be considered a political recognition of German possession of Belgium. While officials did not comment on the contents of the German communication, they intimated it contained no evidence of a desire to place the American government or neutral nations in an embarrassing situation.

It was pointed out today that a somewhat similar situation might be raised by Great Britain with respect to neutral consuls in Egypt, lately made a British protectorate. Neutral consuls hitherto have been accredited to the Turkish government as well as to the Egyptian authorities, but unless Great Britain raises the question, there will be no change in the status of American consuls.

FLAMES SWEEP THROUGH TENNESSEE COLLEGE TOWN

Damage Over Two Hundred Thousand. Nearby Towns Called to Aid.

Clarksville, Tenn., Dec. 29. — Damage of $250,000 was caused here tonight by a fire which swept part of the city's business section. The flames began early in the evening, and soon assumed such proportions that the town authorities called on Nashville, Tenn., and Hopkinsville, Ky., for assitance. The fire was brought under control, however, before firemen froom those departments arrived here.

TRUSTEES' SALE

Of the G. H. Haar stock of Dry Goods, notions and fixtures continues until sold. Prices Guaranteed Below Whole-sale Cost. —Advertisement. 4t.

We Will Expect You

To make a deposit at The People's Savings Bank on January 2nd. You know this is their next Regular Interest Quarter and the beginning of the New Year. (advertisement)-2t

Where are you going New Year's night? To the The Dansant at Boys' Brigade. (advertisement.)

WILL ADVERTISE LIST.

Costs Can be Saved by Taxpayers by Paying Taxes Immediately.

Deputy Sheriffs M. Cronly and B. F. King, Sr., of Sheriff Cowan's office, are busy preparing a list of delinquent taxpayers which will be advertised at an early date, it is stated, and those who desire to save costs are advised to make immediate payment, if they have not already done so. There are many coming in to settle up their taxes and the indications are that the list will not be a long one.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CUMMING.

David Bryant, Well Known Colored Citizen, Honors Memory.

The following tribute to Mr. Preston Cumming is paid by David Bryant, a well known and prominent colored man of the city:

"Mr. Preston Cumming, a perfect man! I knew him all my life. He lived all his life without a single thought of himself but for the good of others. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.' "His friend,

"DAVID BRYANT."

THEATRICAL

One of the interesting features with the Bijou Stock Company, which comes to the Academy of Music for an engagement beginning January 4th, will be the Bijou Quartette, which is made up by members of the playing cast and which is unusual with a dramatic organization. The quartette includes Mr. J. Frank Glendon, Mr. Cully Wood, Mr. Jack Burke and Mr. Billy Farnum. These gentlemen possess fine voices and have at one time been members of musical comedy productions, notably "Me, Him and I"; "Oh, Oh, Delphine," and "Believe Me", with Billy (Single) Clifford. They have received very favorable press notices wherever they have appeared and have been largely instrumental in making the Bijou Stock Co., a success everywhere they have appeared.

"The Master Key" Today.

The day has at last rolled around, and now for jumping right into the middle of the greatest, most startling and thrilling photoplay drama that has ever been unwound from a reel, for this week's installment gets right on the job with some of the most thrilling bits of photoplay ever filmed.

"The Master Key" has already taken the city by storm, and doubtless even larger crowds will witness the second chapter today than saw the opening last Wednesday. In this, the second two-reel installment, Harry Wilkerson arrives at "The Master Key Mine" and things begin to happen thick and fast. John Dore has already fallen violently in love with little Ruth Gallon, and in the concluding reel of today's part carries out one of the most thrilling rescues ever seen on the screen, when he suspends himself from a huge derrick over a deep chasm and grabs Ruth from certain death in a runaway ore car on the high suspended railway. You don't want to miss this thrilling bit of photoplay work, for it alone is worth the price of admission, and this, with the rapid development of the story plot all through this installment, in which the villain Wilkerson gets in some of his dirty work right at the first make this really as thrilling as any chapters to come. The afternoon is best, as the crowd is not quite so large and you can be insured of getting a seat.

"The Boy Mayor" is the title of an exceptional Nestor educational dramatic feature that follows on today's bill, featuring Eugene V. Rich, the real Boy Mayor, with his secretary, Earl R. Goodwin. It is a feature that should not be missed.

Then comes another one of those great L-Ko comedy features, "The Rural Demons," featuring ridiculous Billie Ritchie with Miss Gertrude Selby. You know what to expect from the ones you have already seen.

Great Double Show, New Grand Today.

Again today will the New Grand, the most comfortable spot in the city (steam heated, if you please) will make an offering phenomenal. It will offer a great double show, but for the one admission, and that so tiny—5 cents, afternoon and night. Today's show will not only bring about presentation of the 13th episode of the wonderful Harold McGrath serial film, "The Million Dollar Mystery," but will offer three other great films, and two of them are howls for laughter. Think of that, because every one likes to laugh. The 13th episode of "The Million Dollar Mystery" to be offered today will be a thriller in every way and will intensify the interest in this remarkable, gripping story. It is most exciting and the most spectacular of any yet presented. The usual tremendous audience will, of course, be on hand to behold this two-reel chapter in the great drama. In addition to this the very latest Hearst-Selig Pictorial Review, flashing the freshest current events, thus presenting an animated newspaper on the screen, will be offered. Then there are a couple of rousing comedies. First will come "All On Account of the Cheese", and it is a laugh a second. The other is "Thrown Off the Throne," and it is also some laughter.

Don't fail to scream with pure, wholesome mirth over these two swell films. They will balance the thrilling dramatic part of today's great double bill at the New Grand. Wilmington's pride and joy.

Bear in mind that this theatre will on New Year's day offer something superb in the way of a holiday bill, headed by "The Temple of Moloch," endorsed by the Red Cross.

RAILROADS WANT HIGHER RATE WITHIN VIRGINIA.

Sixteen Roads Will File Application With State Commission Soon.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 29.—Sixteen railroad companies, embracing all interstate carriers entering Virginia, have filed notice that on January 6th, they will make application to the state corporation commission of Virginia, for leave to publish and put into effect on ten days' notice, tariffs covering 5 per cent advance in intrastate freight rates in Virginia. The new rates will apply to all freight except coal and coke, iron ore and lime stone when shipped to furnaces for the manufacture of pig iron.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Senator Bristow introduced a bill today proposing that all postmasters receiving more than $300 be chosen at "nominating elections" by the people, and requiring the postmaster general to appoint the victor for five years.

"RUTH, COME TO ME"

And John Dore Saved the Girl he loved from certain death in "The Master Key", Bijou today.—Advertisement.

TO QUICKEN INTEREST IN ORPHANAGE WORK

North Carolina Orphanage Association Organized.

Will Not Undertake to Enlist State Aid—Officers Elected at Interesting Meeting in Raleigh—Several Addresses

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 29—The North Carolina Orphanage Association perfected organization this afternoon with the election of Rev. Z. Paris, of Lincolnton, as president; Gen. B. S. Royster, Oxford, and J. R. Young, Raleigh, vice-presidents; Miss Jenkins, Raleigh, secretary; M. L. Shipman, Raleigh, treasurer, and Archibald Johnson, Thomasville; W. J. Smith, Charlotte; R. L. Brown, Oxford; J. O. Cox, Elon College; H. C. Moore, Raleigh. F. P. Hobgood, Oxford; C. B. Edwards, Raleigh; W. F. Evans, Greensville; Geo. W. Watts, Durham; Miss Daisy Denson, Raleigh, members of executive committee.

The executive committee is directed to prepare constitution and by-laws to be reported to an adjourned meeting to be held January 29th in connection with the Social Service convention here.

There were two principal addresses in connection with the meeting today Editor Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children, discussed the "Duty of the Church to the Orphans", insisting that care of orphans was a most important factor in church and Sunday school development, the support provided for the orphans really benefitting the church and Sunday school far more than the orphans actually provided for.

Prof. J. Edward Allen spoke in advocacy of a general work by the association in stirring up interest in general orphanage support. It was pointed out that there are only 2,500 orphans in the institutions provided for them and that there are over five thousand that are not being cared for at all.

John E. Ray, representing the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, took the position that the State should not undertake this orphanage work and that the Baptist Orphanage certainly would not accept any State aid in its work, it being one of the cardinal Baptist principles that the church and State must be kept distinct and that the Orphanage work is a church work. Others, including Rev. Z. Paris, took the position that the State has an obligation in the care of orphans and pointed out that the State constitution specifically says that the State shall provide for orphans.

However, the general agreement was that the North Carolina Orphanage Association shall devote its efforts to quickening interest in general orphanage work and not to enlisting State aid.

TRAINED NURSE SUES FOR LIFE SALARY

Claims Late Congressman Bremner Promised Her $150 a Month.

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 29. — Suit has been brought against the estate of the late Representative Robert G. Bremner, who died of cancer last spring at Baltimore, by Miss Theodora Nash, of Paterson, a trained nurse, who demands payment of $150 a month for the rest of her life. Miss Nash alleges this sum was promised her by Mr. Bremner as compensation for services during his illness.

Leith Bremner, a brother of the late congressman, who was served with an order restraining the sale of any property of the estate, in a statement tonight said there was no truth in Miss Nash's chief allegations, and that she had been "paid in full."

The estate of Representative Bremner was worth about $150,000. His will bequeathed to his widow $30 a week from the Passaic Daily Herald, for services as secretary, and $25,000 outright.

Rpresentative Bremner's fight against cancer attracted wide attention because of the efforts to save or prolong his life by radium treatment.

ASK JUDGE PEEBLES TO PASS UP TWO TERMS.

Lenoir County Lawyers Want to Go to Raleigh to See Wooten Through.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 29.—The Lenoir county bar has asked Judge R. B. Peebles, who will conduct the terms of Superior Court here during the next six months, to pass up the first of two terms to be held in January. The lawyers, or many of them at least, want to go to Raleigh early in next week to "see through" Emmett R. Wooten, their fellow professional, who is representative from the county to the legislature and a candidate for the speakership. Judge Peebles, it is believed, will grant the request, unusual though it is. The term will be lost to the county, however, and the calendar will have to be carried over to another term. It is for the trial of civil causes. Wooten, with the two principal factors, seniority and popularity, in his favor, his friends here declare, is certain to be chosen by the caucus which will select the speaker before the assembling of the solons in official session.

New York, Dec. 29—Joe Shugrue of Jersey City, outfought Charlie White, of Chicago, in a ten round bout at Madison square garden tonight. Shugrue had the beter of seven rounds.

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See "The Master Key" Bijou today.—Advertisement,

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1914.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 P. M., January 14, 1915, for the construction complete (including mechanical equipment) of medical officers' quarters at the United States Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C. The building is a two-story frame structure with a ground area of 1,170 square feet. Drawings and specifications may be obtained from the custodian at Wilmington, N. C., or at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. O. Wenderoth, Supervising Architect.
de18,21,23,25,28,30-6t

New York, Dec. 29.—The New York Stock Exchange established today effective tomorrow new prices in which certain stocks may be traded in as follows: International Harvester 73; Louisville & Nashville 112; S. A. L. preferred 28; Virginia Carolina Chemical 15; Virginia Carolina Chemical, preferred 80.

Saturday, Jan. 2nd.

All deposits made with that strong old bank on corner of Front and Princess streets draws interest from January 1st. This is the next regular Interest Quarter of The People's Savings Bank. (advertisement)-2t

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FOR RENT — THREE ROOME COMpletely furnished, for light housekeeping. Use of 'phone, hot water. Call at 308 Grace street. de30-1t*

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT — Buy for cash and save money. We sell cheap for cash. The Monarch Cash Grocery, 'Phone 753; 521 S. Front street. de30-1t*

LOST — SUNDAY MORNING, ABOUT 7 o'clock, on Red Cross street, or at Union Station, gentleman's pocketbook, containing money and valuable papers. Finder may keep the money if will return papers intact. Apply "Owner," care Star. de30-2t

WANTED — POSITION AS SHIPPING clerk, book-keeper or any kind of honest work, by January 5th. Best of references. Am now employed, but wish to make change. Personal interview solicited. Address "Work," care Star. de30-2t*

FOR RENT—ONE COZY FRONT ROOM, furnished; electric lights and use of 'phone and bath, $5 per month. Apply to W. T. Farris, 303 South Second street. de30,3t

FOR RENT — ONE LARGE FRONT double room, nicely furnished, with all modern conveniences. Board if desired; 412 Red Cross street; 'phone 1093. de30-1t

TRY OUR "HOT" SUPPER ROLLS, VIenna, French, Hotel, Pockets and Parker House. 'Phone 626. Farris Bakery. de30-6t

JUST RECEIVED — LARGE SHIPment of those very best turkeys from Wallace. Alive ones, 18 cents; dressed, 25 cents. Give us your orders for New Year. Palace Market, 108 S. Front street; 'Phone 72. de30-tf

FOR RENT — IN GRAND THEATRE building, a beautiful front office, with all modern conveniences. Rent reasonable. Apply J. M. Solky & Co. de30-tf

FOR RENT — THREE NICELY FURnished bedrooms, privilege of bath, hot and cold water; also use of telephone; 310 Red Cross street. de30;ja1,3-3t

HORSE FOR SALE — ONE GOOD ALL 'round horse for sale. City Laundry, 22 North Second street. de30,1t

WANTED TO BUY—A LIGHT SPRING wagon. Must be in good condition. 'Phone 364. de30-1t*

LOST — OLD-FASHIONED BROOCH, set with pearls and garnets, Saturday night along the route from Eighth and Orange to Fifth and Market, Front and Grand and Bijou theatres. Reward, this office. de30-1t*

FARM FOR RENT — WANT TO RENT a four-horse farm to a man that can furnish himself. Ira Lennon, Chadbourn, N. C. de30-1t*

WANTED — TWO LARGE ROOMS, suitable for light housekeeping, with privilege of use of bath and 'phone. Must be close in and rent reasonable. Address Box 1058, City. de30-1t*

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FOR RENT—SUNSET PARK, NEW 10-room house. Block from car line. Every city convenience. Steam heat will be installed, if desired. Apply Fidelity, 14 Princess street; phone 312. de 16-tf

IF YOU WISH TO EAT ALL THE year, buy some peas and hog jowl, or anything else in the grocery line, N. Humphrey, 'Phone 360, Fourth and Walnut streets. de26-tf

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NEW SERIES BUILDING AND LOAN stock. Opens 1st Saturday in January. Stock issue limited. Subscribe now. Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association, headquarters, Bunting's Drug Store. de22-14t

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THE CITIZENS' BUILDING AND LOAN Association will issue its 48th semi-annual series of stock on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Parties can have stock reserved by notifying the undersigned. Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., Secretary. de27-30;ja1-3t

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WANTED — HORSES AND MULES TO board on January 1st. I am located at 5 and 7 Orange street, the Plate Ice Co. stables, next to Front Street Market. Nice box stalls. Will give my personal attention. Call and see me, or 'phone 891. F. T. Mills. de25-tf

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WANTED — TO SELL OR RENT, SIX mules in good working condition. J. W. Bryant, Murchison Bank Bldg. de18-tf

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